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UNSUB SLOT MACHINES, PRIVATE CLUBS, DAVENPORT, IOWA. PURCHASE AND  
INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION TO ST. PAUL, MINN., ITGD. RE SPRINGFIELD  
TEL TODAY. THE OMAHA AND MINNEAPOLIS DIVISIONS SHOULD IMMEDIATELY  
CONTACT CI'S AND SOURCES AND MAINTAIN CLOSE LIAISON WITH THEM  
IN ORDER TO CLOSELY FOLLOW ALL DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS MATTER AND  
TO ASCERTAIN IDENTITY OF SUSPECTS INVOLVED. SPRINGFIELD SHOULD  
FOLLOW CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE OF INFORMATION AT ROCK ISLAND IN  
ORDER TO PROMPTLY RECEIVE ANY ADDITIONAL PERTINENT INFORMATION.  
ADEQUATE PERSONNEL SHOULD BE ASSIGNED TO AFFORD THIS MATTER  
CLOSE ATTENTION IN THE OMAHA AND MINNEAPOLIS DIVISIONS AND ALL  
OFFICES SHOULD KEEP BUREAU FULLY ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS.

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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
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Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_

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UNSUB SLOT MACHINES, PRIVATE CLUBS, DAVENPORT, IOWA. PURCHASE AND

INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION TO ST. PAUL, MINN, ITGD. SPRINGFIELD

CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE OF INFORMATION ADVISED ROCK ISLAND, ILL. RA THIRD  
INSTANT UNKNOWN GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS FROM ST. PAUL, MINN. WILL PURCHASE

SLOT MACHINES FROM DAVENPORT, IOWA PRIVATE CLUBS DASH VETERANS DASH

ELKS, ET AL WHICH WERE RECENTLY BANNED FROM PREMISES BY IOWA

STATUTE. UNSUBS PAYING FIFTY DOLLARS PER MACHINE. WILL TRANSPORT

APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED MACHINES FROM DAVENPORT, IOWA BY TRUCK

TO ST. PAUL, MINN. SOMETIME NIGHT OF FIFTH INSTANT. TRUCK PROBABLE Y

WILL BEARR MINN. LICENSE PLATE, NO. UNKNOWN. ST. PAUL GROUP BELIEVED

TO HAVE MANUFACTURED GAMBLING DEVICES AT ONE TIME AND TO HAVE RENTED

STORAGE SPACE RECENTLY IN UNKNOWN ST. PAUL WAREHOUSE. [REDACTED]

DES MOINES, IOWA RACKETEER, ASSOCIATE OF GROUP ALTHOUGH BELIEVED WILL

NOT TAKE ACTIVE PART IN INSTANT MOVEMENT. OMAHA AND MINNEAPOLIS

DIVISIONS CONTACT [REDACTED] AND HANDLE. SPRINGFIELD WILL KEEP CONTACT

WITH SOURCE OF INFORMATION, AND ANY ADDITIONAL INFO RECEIVED WILL

BE FORWARDED IMMEDIATELY. OMAHA ORIGIN

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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MPLS. FILE NO.

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REPORT MADE AT MINNEAPOLIS	DATE WHEN MADE 3-22-51	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 11-3,9-50; 3-14-51	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] SA gam
TITLE UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; Slot Machines, Private Clubs, Davenport, Iowa. Purchase and Interstate Transportation to St. Paul, Minnesota.			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF GAMBLING DEVICES

## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

[REDACTED]  
Minneapolis, Minnesota, telephone WA. 5209, is employed at  
Mayflower Distributing Company and Paster Distributing Company,  
2218 University Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota. HERMAN PASTER,  
FBI 732906, is President and ALLEN ISADORE NILVA is Vice-  
President of Paster Distributing Company. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Paster Distributing Company are distributors of  
Wurlitzer phonographs and coin operated machines. Surveillance  
maintained on [REDACTED] on March 4 and 5, 1951, at Minneapolis,  
Minnesota, and St. Paul, Minnesota, but he did not leave the  
cities.

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## DETAILS:

This is a joint report of Special Agents [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and the writer.

## BACKGROUND DATA

The 1949 St. Paul City Directory lists [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] as being [REDACTED] for the Mayflower Distributing  
Company and as residing at [REDACTED].

The same city directory lists the following individuals  
named NILVA:

ABRAHAM (TILLIE) NILVA, presser, Harris Manu-  
facturing Company, residence 686 Dayton Avenue

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: [Signature] SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES
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ALLEN I. ~~NILVA~~, lawyer, 302 Minnesota Building,  
residence 1830 Hillcrest Avenue

LOUIS ~~NILVA~~, tailor, 283 Carroll Avenue, residence  
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The 1949 St. Paul City Directory lists the Paster Distributing Company, phonographs, as being located at 2218 University Avenue, and the directory lists the following officers:

HERMAN ~~PASTER~~, President  
ALLEN I. ~~NILVA~~, Vice-President  
WALTER D. ~~JOHNSON~~, Secretary-Treasurer.

The same directory lists the Mayflower Distributing Company, 2218 University Avenue and lists the following officers:

HERMAN PASTER, President  
ALLEN I. ~~NELVA~~, Vice-President  
WALTER D. JOHNSON, Secretary-Treasurer.

The current Minneapolis Telephone Directory lists [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], Minneapolis, Minnesota, as having telephone  
WA. 5201.

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The January, 1951, St. Paul Street Address Telephone Directory reflects that at 2218 University Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, there are located the following concerns, all of whom have telephone number NE. 7901:

Mayflower Distributing Company  
Ajax Refrigeration Company  
Holly Sales Company  
Paster Distributing Company  
Progress Finance Company.

The 1949 St. Paul City Directory fails to list the Ajax Refrigeration Company.

The 1949 St. Paul City Directory lists the Holly Sales Company, (Mayflower Distributing Company) coin machines, 2218 University Avenue.

The 1949 St. Paul City Directory lists the Progress Finance Company, coin machines, 2218 University Avenue, and the following officers are listed:

ALLEN I. ~~NILVA~~, President  
BERTRAM ~~GETSUP~~, Vice-President  
MANLEY H. ~~FRISCH~~, Secretary  
WALTER ~~JOHNSON~~, Treasurer.



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The "St. Paul Despatch", St. Paul, Minnesota, newspaper for February 27, 1946, referred to a Navy flier being executed by the Japanese in 1944. The flier was named JAKE H. NILVA, 1830 Hillcrest Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, manager of Utility Finance Company. The article revealed that he was the son of Mr. and Mrs. LOUIS NILVA, 283 Carroll Avenue.

The 1949 St. Paul City Directory fails to list the Utility Finance Company.

The "St. Paul Pioneer Press", St. Paul, Minnesota, newspaper for June 8, 1948, made reference to funeral services being held for JAKE HENRY NILVA, President of Utility Finance Company, and the article listed the following relatives:

Mother and Father	Mr. and Mrs. LOUIS NILVA
Brothers	ALLEN of St. Paul, Minnesota SAMUEL of Des Moines, Iowa
Sisters	Mrs. MANLEY FRISCH, St. Paul, Minnesota Mrs. CELIA PASTER, St. Paul, Minnesota.

The 1949 St. Paul City Directory lists HERMAN (CELIA) PASTER as being President of Paster Distributing Company and as residing at 1752 Pinehurst Avenue.

The June, 1950, Telephone Directory lists HERMAN PASTER as residing at 1750 Pinehurst Avenue, telephone EM. 6900.

The 1949 St. Paul City Directory lists MANLEY H. (BESSIE) FRISCH as being a lawyer at 302-04 Minnesota Building, 46 East Fourth, telephone CE. 7331, and as residing at 1830 Hillcrest Avenue, telephone DE. 5013.

In December, 1949, HERMAN PASTER and ALLEN I. NILVA were interviewed, at which time they identified themselves as being President and Vice-President respectively of both the Paster Distributing Company and the Mayflower Distributing Company, distributors of Wurlitzer phonographs and coin operated machines. PASTER, at that time, advised that he started in this business in 1936, and he furnished information concerning his selling equipment for at least ten or twelve years to [redacted] of Iowa. At that time, ALLEN NILVA advised that [redacted] and that [redacted] was formerly [redacted] of the Paster Distributing Company branch office at Des Moines, Iowa, which office has been closed.

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When PASTER and NILVA were interviewed, ALLEN NILVA advised that [redacted] was then confined to the Miller Hospital, St. Paul, Minnesota, where he had undergone an operation. At that time, ALLEN NILVA also advised that SAM TARAN, with aliases, no longer has any connection with or interest in either the Mayflower or the Paster Distributing Companies.

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At the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota, Special Agent [redacted] advised that they had no record for ALLEN or [redacted] NILVA, and accordingly no photograph could be obtained.

MINNESOTA DRIVERS LICENSE DIVISION DATA

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At the Minnesota Drivers License Division, 1279 University Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, Special Agent [redacted] examined the driver's license applications for all individuals named NILVA, and the following information was obtained:

ABRAHAM NILVA

Address	686 Dayton Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota
Age	58
Date of Birth	April 20, 1892
Sex	Male
Race	White
Height	5'7"
Weight	185
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Brown
Occupation	B. W. Harris Company, St. Paul, Minnesota
Driver's License	Al 1968
Date of Issue	July 17, 1947
Conduct Report	May 7, 1948, careless driving, St. Paul Municipal Court #411245

ALLEN ISADORE ~~NILVA~~

Address	1830 Hillcrest St. Paul, Minnesota
Age	39
Date of Birth	September 14, 1911
Sex	Male
Race	White
Height	5'4"
Weight	160
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Auburn
Occupation	Lawyer
Driver's License	O 35888
Date of Issue	December 20, 1949 (renewal)
Conduct Reports	11-29-47 Accident #73854-62 3- 8-48 Accident #809213-62 1-13-50 Accident #0-3574-62 9-29-50 Accident #0-38507-62

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Occupation

Driver's License  
Date of Issue  
Conduct Reports

Action of Board

JAKE HENRY ~~MIILVA~~

Address	283 Carroll Avenue St. Paul, Minnesota
Age	38
Date of Birth	August 17, 1912
Sex	Male
Race	White
Height	5'7"
Weight	148
Hair	Black
Eyes	Grey
Occupation	Secretary
Driver's License	5-24650
Date of Issue	February 14, 1934
Conduct Report	December 3, 1939, Speeding, warned W 19352

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Address

Age  
Date of Birth  
Sex  
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Hair  
Occupation  
Driver's License  
Date of Issue

Address

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SURVEILLANCE

Special Agents [ ] and [ ] maintained a surveillance during the late afternoon and evening of Sunday, March 4, 1951, at [ ] residence [ ] Minneapolis, Minnesota.

\* A man wearing a red bathrobe was observed in the house, and no one entered or left the residence. A passenger car was observed in the driveway which was completely covered with snow, and agents observed in front of the house a 1950 blue-grey colored Chevrolet panel truck which bore 1951 Minnesota license 95-328.

Records at the Motor Vehicle Division, State Capitol, St. Paul, Minnesota, reflect the above truck is registered to the Mayflower Distributing Company, 2218 University Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, serial 21 HJC 9544.

Special Agents [ ] and [ ] maintained a surveillance in the Great Northern Railway Company Depot in Minneapolis, Minnesota, on all Burlington trains leaving between 8:30 p.m. and 10:45 p.m.

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March 4, 1951, and between 7:15 a.m. and 8:10 a.m. March 5, 1951, but no one answering [ ] description was observed.

On the early morning of March 5, 1951, Special Agents [ ] and [ ] resumed their surveillance on the [ ] residence at [ ] Minneapolis, Minnesota, and at about 8:20 a.m., March 5, 1951, a man answering the description of [ ] left the above residence in the above described Chevrolet truck. He first did some shopping at the grocery store and then drove directly to 2218 University Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, where the Mayflower Distributing Company and the Pastor Distributing Company are located. [ ] parked the truck in the rear of this building.

Special Agents [ ] and [ ] maintained a surveillance on this building, and it was observed that [ ] apparently remained in the building until about 2:35 p.m., March 5, 1951, when he left in the truck and drove around the block and returned to the building. Special Agents [ ] and [ ] also assisted in the surveillance.

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Special Agents [ ] and [ ] maintained a surveillance at the Union Depot in St. Paul, Minnesota, and failed to observe [ ] departing on the 4:30 p.m. Burlington Zephyr for Savanna, Illinois.

Special Agents [ ] and [ ] maintained a surveillance at the Great Northern Depot, Minneapolis, Minnesota, and failed to observe [ ] departing on the 4 p.m. Zephyr for Savanna, Illinois.

Special Agents [ ] and [ ] observed that [ ] left the premises at 2218 University Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, at about 4:25 p.m., March 5, 1951. He left in the same panel truck mentioned heretofore and drove west on University Avenue toward Minneapolis in the direction of his home.

Inasmuch as [ ] had given indication of becoming surveillance conscious and inasmuch as he apparently was returning to his home in the panel truck, the surveillance was discontinued on the late afternoon of March 5, 1951.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

Confidential informant [ ] of known reliability, advised Special Agent [ ] that only one long distance phone call was made on March 5, 1951, from [ ] in St. Paul, Minnesota, to anywhere in the state of Iowa and that was a call made to Davenport, Iowa, number [ ].

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[ ] also advised agent [ ] on March 14, 1951, that at 11:07 a.m., March 4, 1951, [ ] at Davenport, Iowa, number unknown, made a collect

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call to [REDACTED], Minneapolis, Minnesota.

[REDACTED] further advised that at 3:31 p.m., March 5, 1951, a call was made from WA. 5209 to DA. 3607 in St. Paul, Minnesota.

The June, 1950, St. Paul Telephone Directory lists L. NILVA and J. H. NILVA as both residing at 283 Carroll Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, and both have the same telephone DA. 3607.

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Confidential informant [REDACTED] also advised Special Agent [REDACTED] that a call was also made from WA. 5209 in Minneapolis to DA. 3607 in St. Paul on January 25, 1951.

GA. 4811 was called on February 1, 1951. This phone is listed to the Pittsburg Plate Glass Company, 459 Jackson Street, St. Paul, Minnesota.

[REDACTED] in St. Paul, Minnesota, was called on February 4, 1951. That number is listed to [REDACTED], St. Paul, Minnesota. The 1949 St. Paul City Directory lists [REDACTED] as being a [REDACTED] for the Foster Distributing Company and as living at [REDACTED], St. Paul, Minnesota.

CE. 6611 in St. Paul, Minnesota, was called on February 25, 1951, from WA. 5209. This number is listed to the Lowry Hotel, 339 Wabasha Street, St. Paul, Minnesota.

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#### IDENTIFICATION DATA

[REDACTED], Identification Division, and [REDACTED], Division of Records, both St. Paul Police Department, advised they had no record for anyone named [REDACTED].

[REDACTED], NA, Identification Division, Minneapolis Police Department, had no record for [REDACTED] but did have a record containing the following data:

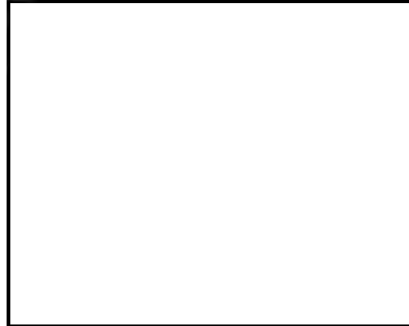
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Parents' Nativity  
Relatives

Minneapolis PD Number  
Fingerprint  
Classification  
Criminal Record

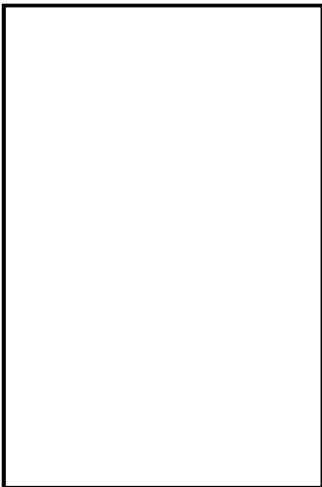


The record revealed that he was arrested at the St. Paul County Jail by Deputy Sheriff [redacted]. The same record also contained the following notation:





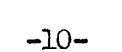
" Arrested by [redacted] 11-3-28, 11:15 a.m.,  
released 11-5-28, 2:30 p.m."

The Bureau furnished the following identification record, FBI [redacted], dated February 7, 1951:

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<u>CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS</u>	<u>NAME AND NUMBER</u>	<u>ARRESTED OR RECEIVED</u>
OCD Wash DC		applicant 1-24-41
CAA Wash DC		applicant F.P. 1-30-42
SOS Army		laborer 4-27-42
Army		5-12-42 Mpls., Minn.
PD Wilmington Del		Jr. tool room clerk 6-5-42

Description:

Color:   
Sex:   
Height:   
Weight:   
Hair: 

Eyes: [redacted]  
Complexion: [redacted]  
Build: [redacted]  
Scars and marks: [redacted]  
Birth: [redacted]  
Citizenship: [redacted]  
Address: in 1942 - [redacted]

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The Bureau has furnished the Chicago, Minneapolis, Omaha, and Springfield offices with the complete identification records including photographs of the following:

HERMAN PASTER, FBI 732906

SAMUEL H. TARAN, FBI 196876

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ADMINISTRATIVE

Minneapolis file 33-35 A, which is the general crime survey of the Minneapolis office, contains the two St. Paul newspaper items regarding the death of JAKE HENRY NILVA.

The same file, 33-35 A, which contains the general crime surveys of the Minneapolis office, makes numerous references to the following individuals and concerns:

HERMAN PASTER

[REDACTED]

SAMUEL TARAN

\*Mayflower Distributing Company  
\*Paster Distributing Company.

Minneapolis file 62-1441 entitled [REDACTED] contains various reports regarding investigation of HERMAN PASTER, SAMUEL TARAN, Mayflower Distributing Company, and Paster Distributing Company. That file contains a report of Special Agent [REDACTED] St. Paul, dated December 18, 1946, wherein reference is made to SAMUEL TARAN being an uncle of JACK H. NILVA. That report also makes reference to TARAN moving to Florida.

Minneapolis file 93-578 entitled [REDACTED] "Ascertaining Financial Ability" reflects that Omaha is origin, Omaha file 93-110, and that file contains the results of an interview in December, 1949, with HERMAN PASTER and ALLEN I. NILVA. That file makes reference to activities of the Paster Distributing Company and the Mayflower Distributing Company.

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Minneapolis file 71-132 contains a letter from Omaha to Minneapolis dated February 20, 1950, entitled "HERMAN PASTER, Crime Survey, Des Moines, Iowa," (Omaha file 94-119R) that makes reference to ALLEN NILVA appearing at the office of the Chief of Police in Des Moines, Iowa, and protesting a statement that "MILLER made in the Des Moines Tribune stating that Paster was a distributor and operators of pinball and slot machines." At that time NILVA stated that they were not operators but were distributors, and they did not distribute slot machines in any states except where they were legal. The letter also makes reference to a corporation being formed in Iowa with [REDACTED] ALLEN NILVA, et al.

Minneapolis file 71-132 is entitled SAM TARRAN, was; HERMAN PASTER, was; [REDACTED] of which Milwaukee is origin.

HERMAN PASTER, SAMUEL H. TARAN, Mayflower Distributing Company, and Paster Distributing Company are likewise referred to in other reports and references on file in the Minneapolis office.

Minneapolis memo to Bureau and Omaha dated March 8, 1951, and memo dated March 13, 1951, contain a list of phone calls made from [REDACTED] for the

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period January 21, 1951, to March 5, 1951, and also a list of toll calls made from  for the period February 6, 1951, to March 5, 1951.

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THE BALTIMORE OFFICE

At Wilmington, Delaware

At the DuPont Company, review their file for all background data on [redacted] number [redacted], who was fingerprinted as a [redacted] June 5, 1942. Also obtain a photograph. Furnish copies of the report, including photographs, to Chicago, Minneapolis, Omaha, and Springfield.

THE OMAHA OFFICE

At Omaha, Nebraska

Will peruse the information appearing in this report as well as in the referenced teletypes and letters to determine what further investigation, if any, should be conducted.

THE SPRINGFIELD OFFICE

At Springfield, Illinois

Will report any additional information which may be received concerning instant case.

THE WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

At Washington, D.C.

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As noted herein, [redacted] was fingerprinted by the OCD and the CAA in Washington, D.C. Review their records for all background data and obtain photographs. Also furnish copies of the report to the Chicago, Minneapolis, Omaha, and Springfield offices.

THE ST. LOUIS OFFICE

At St. Louis, Missouri

Review the Army file for [redacted], and obtain all background data including photograph if available. Designate copies for Chicago, Minneapolis, Omaha, and Springfield offices.

THE MINNEAPOLIS OFFICE

At Minneapolis, Minnesota

Report any additional information which may be received in connection with instant investigation.

INFORMATION: The Chicago office is being furnished a copy of this report for information purposes inasmuch as [redacted] is known to frequent Savanna, Illinois, while enroute to Iowa.

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INFORMANTS

Confidential informant

[redacted] whose identity

must be kept in confidence.

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REFERENCE: Springfield teletype to Bureau, Omaha, and Minneapolis dated March 3, 1951.  
Omaha teletypes to Bureau, Minneapolis, and Springfield dated March 4, 8, 10, and 15, 1951.  
Minneapolis teletype to Bureau, Springfield, and Omaha dated March 4, 1951.  
Bureau teletype to Minneapolis and Omaha dated March 5, 1951.  
Minneapolis teletype to Bureau and Omaha dated March 5, 1951.  
Minneapolis memos to Bureau and Omaha dated March 8 and 13, 1951.

## Office Memorandum • UNIT STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: March 28, 1951

FROM : SAC, OMAHA

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; Slot Machines,  
Private Clubs, Davenport, Iowa  
ITGD

Reference Omaha teletype dated March 27, 1951.

The confidential source referred to in the referenced teletype is [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is generally considered as reliable by personnel of the County Attorney's Office and members of the Police Department at Davenport.

[REDACTED] term will expire on April 2, 1951 and he is to be replaced by [REDACTED]. No contact has yet been made with [REDACTED], however, on the basis of information presently available, it is believed he will prove cooperative, and that appropriate coverage can be arranged with him.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **OMAHA**

FILE NO. **71-132**

REPORT MADE AT <b>BALTIMORE</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>4-7-51</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>3/29,30;4/2/51</b>	REPORT MADE BY <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 1.2em; display: inline-block;"></div> <b>RCK</b>
TITLE <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECTS: Slot Machines, Private Clubs, Davenport, Iowa. Purchase and Interstate Transportation to St. Paul, Minnesota</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF GAMBLING DEVICES</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Employment file for  who was employed at Gopher Ordnance Works, St. Paul, Minnesota, reviewed at E. I. DuPont de Nemours and Company, Inc., Wilmington, Delaware. Background data set out. No photograph available.

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**DETAILS:**

AT WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

Clerk, Service Department, E. I. DuPont de Nemours and Company, Inc., 1017 Tatnal Street, made available the employment record concerning  to the reporting agent. A review of this record reflected the following information:

made application for employment at the Gopher Ordnance Works, St. Paul, Minnesota on June 5, 1942. The Gopher Ordnance Works was operated for the government during the war by the DuPont Company and has since been discontinued. In filling out this application  gave the following information:

Local Address

Permanent Address

Birth date

Birth Place

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: *C. H. Carson* SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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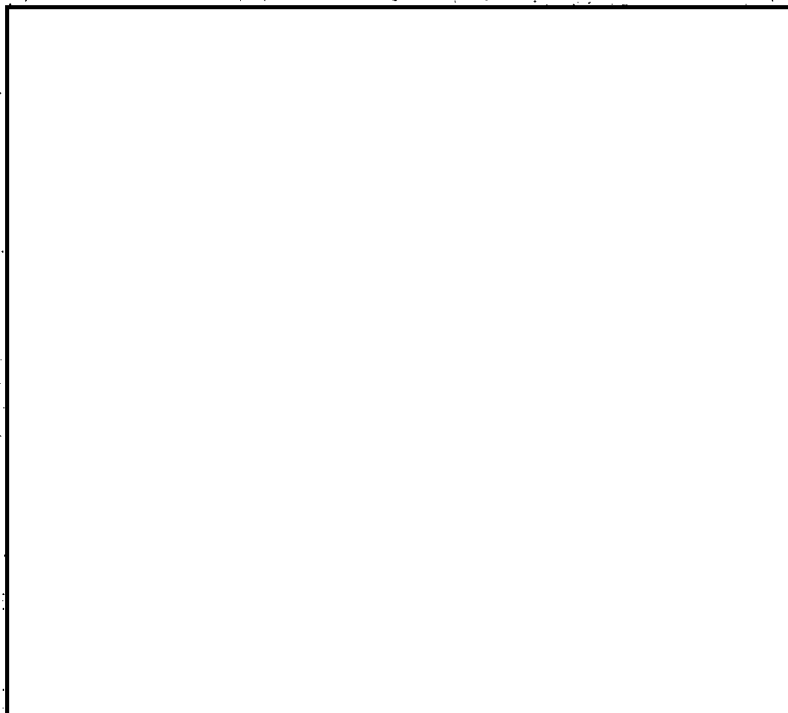
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Height  
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Race  
Social Security #  
Status  
Family data  
    Father  
    Mother  
    Sisters  
    Brothers



EDUCATION AND TRAINING:

Attended McKinley School, 1924-1932, Carroll Avenue and Mackubin Streets.

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Attended Mechanics Arts High School, 1933-1937, Central and Robert Streets.

Attended University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota, 1937-1940. Majored in Business and Criminology; did not graduate.

[ ] speaks Spanish and Jewish, and reads and writes Spanish.

PAST EMPLOYMENT RECORD:

Foley Brothers, New Brighton, Minnesota, from May 1, 1942 to June 2, 1942; Employed as [ ]; immediate superior: [ ]

Mayflower Nov. Co., 2218 University Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota from the Summer of 1936 to February of 1942. Employed as an [ ] and [ ].

United Construction Company, 1603 University Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, during the Summer and Fall of 1941 as a [ ].

[ ] stated he has worked two years as [ ] and [ ] for Mayflower Nov. Co., Utility Finance Company, Midwest Soundies, Incorporated, 2218 University Avenue, St. Paul

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REFERENCES:

CHARLES TIERNEY, Assistant Chief of Police, St. Paul, Police Department, St. Paul, Minnesota. 10 years acquaintanceship.

MILTON ROSEN, City Council, St. Paul Court House, St. Paul, Minnesota. 15 years acquaintanceship.

JOSEPH BRODY, Attorney, 302 Minnesota Building, St. Paul, Minnesota. 15 years acquaintanceship.

JAMES F. LYNCH, County Attorney, City Court House, St. Paul, Minnesota. 15 years acquaintanceship.

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[ ] indicated that he had taken two years training in R. O. T. C. at the University of Minnesota from 1937 to 1939. He completed training at a basic camp course at Fort Snelling during the Summer of 1940. [ ] enlisted in the United States Navy Officers Training Course in October of 1940 and served aboard the USS ARKANSAS, receiving an honorable Medical Discharge in 1940.

JAKE HENRY NILVA was in the Navy and took his training at Texas A & M University.

On his application [ ] made the following statement:

"I worked at the Mayflower Nov. Co. and the Midwest Soundies who were affiliated with one another in the capacity of [ ] and also aided in the [ ]

[ ] This work was usually interrupted during the Fall of the year so that I could resume studies at the University of Minnesota. I am familiar with the working and organizing of parts and supply departments. The address of this company was and still is 2218 University Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota. I worked in the office under the supervision of [ ] who is still employed for the company and who can vouch for my abilities.

"Except for the periods that I was at school and during the time I was in the Armed Forces of the United States, my employment was steady and satisfactory. I am a holder of an honorable Medical Discharge for minor physical defects from the United States Navy, and at the present time I am a [ ] with the Civil Air Patrol, Office of Civilian Defense."



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[ ] was employed on June 8, 1942 as a [ ].  
His employment terminated on October 26, 1942, when he left for  
military service.

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[ ] advised that no photograph of [ ]  
was available, as apparently no picture had been taken.

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Report of [REDACTED], Minneapolis, dated March 22, 1951

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## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

On March 3, 4, and 5, 1951, a confidential informant advised that  where reported to have been making purchase arrangements for slot machines in the Davenport, Iowa, area, it apparently being the intention of  to transport, or to have same transported to the state of Minnesota on the evening of 3/5/51. Early on that evening, informant advised that  had cancelled his plans for the transportation of said machines because of an occurrence during that same day at Minneapolis or St. Paul, Minnesota, the nature of which was unknown to informant, and any further dealings upon the part of  in connection with such slot machines would be probably be indefinitely postponed. Information concerning the activities and contacts of  and  set forth together with available information concerning a recent shipment of twenty eight slot machines purchased by  from the Davenport American Legion Post and transported to an unknown destination on March 1 or 2, 1951, from the VOSS Brothers Transfer Company warehouse, Rock Island, Illinois, where said machines were stored until that time.

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## DETAILS:

The title of this case is being marked "Changed" to reflect the names of  was., ; and  wa.,  as subjects of this case. The title has previously been carried "UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; SLOT MACHINES, PRIVATE CLUBS, DAVENPORT, IOWA. PURCHASE AND INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION TO ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA. - ITGD".

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AT DAVENPORT, IOWA:

Confidential Informant [redacted], of known reliability, advised when contacted that he had rumors to the effect that unidentified individuals from St. Paul, Minnesota, had been in Davenport, Iowa, on March 1st and 2nd, 1951, buying up or attempting to buy up, slot machines from private clubs, presumably for the purpose of transporting same to either St. Paul or Minneapolis, Minnesota. This informant advised that his only information in point had come from another individual, hereinafter indicated as Confidential Informant [redacted] and in the opinion of Informant [redacted], that individual could be discreetly contacted for whatever factual information he might be in position to furnish.

Also on March 3, 1951, Confidential Informant [redacted] of unknown reliability but who [redacted] was contacted at which time he furnished the following information.

[redacted] said that he had heard from an individual, who is in his opinion entirely reliable, but whose identity he was not at liberty to furnish, that an unidentified man from St. Paul, Minnesota, had been in Davenport on March 1st and 2nd, 1951, and had contacted numerous private clubs in an effort to buy up slot machines at bargain prices, presumably for transportation to St. Paul, Minnesota. The informant had heard that one [redacted] with alias [redacted], of LeClaire, Iowa, known previously to have been a dealer in slot machines, was apparently acting as a local contact man for the unidentified man from St. Paul, Minnesota, in connection with making contacts among the membership of the various private clubs in Davenport for the above purposes. Informant at that time advised that he had no information as to whether or not any machines had actually been purchased and transported out side the state of Iowa by [redacted] or anyone acting for or with them, but that he would recontact his source of information later in the afternoon and attempt to obtain further details.

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The informant further advised that he would be very glad to cooperate fully with the Bureau in instant matter and would not disclose to anyone the fact that he had been contacted in connection with instant matter or that he was aware of any interest upon the part of the Bureau in this case.

On the evening of March 3, 1951, Confidential Informant [redacted] contacted the reporting agent and advised that he had some additional factual information in connection with instant matter, having obtained same from the above mentioned source.

The information supplied by this informant on that occasion was as follows:

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The individual from St. Paul, Minnesota, previously referred to by him has been identified by him as being [redacted] with aliases, [redacted] and [redacted] who is a representative of the ~~Herman~~ Paster Distributing Company of St. Paul, Minnesota. [redacted] had been present in Davenport, Iowa, on March 1st and 2nd, 1951, and had, with the assistance of [redacted], allegedly contacted numerous private clubs, key clubs, bars, and other presumed owners of slot machines and made arrangements for the purchase of an undetermined quantity of machines. Informant further advised that [redacted] was known to his source to have been cashing numerous large checks on the night of March 1, 1951, in Davenport, Iowa, allegedly totaling somewhere between \$1,700 and \$2,100, the funds to be used as payments for slot machines presumably purchased by [redacted] on those dates.

[redacted] was known to have made a statement to the effect that he preferred to pay for the machines in cash rather than by check. The checks cashed by [redacted] were reportedly drawn on an unknown account at the First National Bank of St. Paul, St. Paul, Minnesota. Informant further advised that his source is of the impression that [redacted] will not handle less than seventy machines per shipment and that he presumably has made arrangements for the purchase of that number in the Davenport area as [redacted] had returned to Minneapolis or St. Paul, Minnesota, on March 2, 1951, indicating his intention to return to Davenport, Iowa, on March 5, 1951, to make shipping arrangements for the slot machines either purchased, or for which he had made arrangements to purchase, in the Davenport area on March 1 and 2, 1951.

Informant further advised that his source had indicated that the present location of the slot machines allegedly purchased, or for which purchase arrangements had been made by [redacted], was unknown and no information could be discreetly developed on that point. Informant was also unable to ascertain the identity of any clubs or persons selling machines to [redacted] or having made arrangements to sell same to him.

Confidential Informant Omaha [redacted] further advised that the above mentioned slot machines were believed to have come from various sources in east central Iowa, and Rock Island County, Illinois.

Informant also stated that he had been told by his source of information that [redacted] represents the ~~Herman~~ Paster Distributing Company of St. Paul, Minnesota, which is an old established concern and which handles juke boxes and a wide variety of coin operated devices and novelties, also that the interests which own that company also own or control the ~~Mayflower~~ Distributing Company, the ~~Progress~~ Finance Company, the ~~First~~ Finance Company, and probably other extensive interests at St. Paul, Minnesota. According to Informant's source, he advised that [redacted] was apparently acting as a representative of the ~~Herman~~ Paster interests in attempting to acquire machines in the Davenport area and that [redacted] was paying not to exceed fifty dollars for slot machines regardless of their value or excellence of condition.

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Informant continued that it is apparently [ ] intention not to transport any machines acquired in the Davenport area directly to the State of Minnesota, but, that same will be taken in a straight truck of unknown description to an unknown small town in central Iowa for storage with other slot machines similarly obtained and later removed to the State of Minnesota, a few machines at a time.

Informant also said that [ ] reportedly has a girl friend living in the Tri-City area which consists of Davenport, Iowa, Rock Island, and Moline, Illinois, and their suburbs, whose identity and residence address is unknown. Informant is of the opinion that said girl friend may be a prostitute as his source has indicated that he has heard that she is of low moral character.

Informant said that [ ] was not believed to have been in Davenport expressly for the purpose of purchasing slot machines on March 1 and 2, 1951, inasmuch as it is believed by informant's source that [ ] periodically comes to the Tri-City area to transact business of a legitimate or semi-legitimate nature on behalf of the Herman Paster Distributing Company, or one of the companies owned or controlled by the Paster interests. Informant indicated that he believed that the purchase and subsequent transportation of any slot machines in and from the Davenport area would be somewhat of a side line upon the part of [ ] and the Paster interests in that it would be incidental to the conduct of their juke box, coin operated machine and novelty business, in that general area.

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This informant also advised that he had learned that [ ] seems to be closely associated in some way with one [ ] who resides at Davenport but who manages the Duncan Wine and Liquor Company, Rock Island, Illinois.

Confidential Informant Omaha [ ], of known reliability, contacted on the night of March 3, 1951, advised that one [ ] registered at the Blackhawk Hotel on March 1, 1951, and was a guest there on that day and the day following, checking out during the afternoon of March 2, 1951. At the time of registration he indicated his name to be [ ] of [ ] Minneapolis, Minnesota, and the registration card reflected that he represented the Paster Distributing Company, address unstated. Informant advised that [ ] does not appear to be known to any of the personnel of the hotel and is not known to have stayed there previously. Further, according to [ ] a telephone call was made from the room assigned to [ ] on March 1, 1951, to Minneapolis telephone number [ ] or [ ] and that on March 2, 1951, another call was made from [ ] room to "Paster" at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, but that the number called on that occasion was not known to the informant as being illegible.

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On March 2, 1951, a man giving the name [ ] placed a long distance call from [ ] room to Des Moines, Iowa, number [ ]. The latter was a collect call. This call was placed at 11:00 a.m. and the call from [ ] to PASTER, above mentioned, was placed at 11:10 a.m.

Numerous local telephone calls were also made from [ ] room on March 1 and 2, 1951, which calls will be mentioned hereinafter.

On the night of March 3, 1951, Confidential Informant [ ] contacted the reporting agent to advise that he had ascertained that inasmuch as the train connections between the twin cities and Davenport, Iowa, are very poor, [ ] usually proceeds from the twin cities to Davenport via the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad Zephyr from either Minneapolis or St. Paul, Minnesota, to Savanna, Illinois, and thence to Davenport, either by bus or the personally owned automobile of someone meeting him at Savanna. He had also ascertained that his return travel is made in the same manner.

Also, during this interview, informant advised that he had been able to learn that [ ] usually stays in Rock Island, Illinois, when in the Tri-City Area, rather than at Davenport, Iowa, and that it is believed that he regards the Fort Armstrong Hotel in Rock Island, Illinois, as his "hang-out" when in the Tri-City area. Informant also advised that HERMAN PASTER and other representatives of the Paster Interests from St. Paul, MINNESOTA, also are frequently in the Tri-City area but apparently do not stay in Davenport, Iowa. The source of his information indicated to informant that they also regard the Fort Armstrong Hotel at Rock Island, Illinois, as their "hand-out" and are believed to be very frequent guests there and may even rent a room or a suite of rooms there on a permanent or semi-permanent basis.

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On the morning of March 5, 1951, [ ] advised that contact with his source during the morning had indicated that there had apparently been no change in the presumed arrangements for [ ] to come to Davenport, Iowa, sometime during the day for the purpose of consummating arrangements for the transportation of slot machines purchased by him in that area, the same to be effectuated sometime during that same night.

It is noted that on March 3, 1951, at the time of contacting [ ] above mentioned, it was ascertained that [ ] had personally made a request for a reservation for a room at the Blackhawk Hotel for the night of March 5, 1951, indicating that the reservation should be held for his possible late arrival on that date. Liaison was maintained with this confidential informant throughout the day, March 5, 1951, for any further activity in connection with the reservation of [ ] all with negative results.

Early on the evening of March 5, 1951, Omaha Informant [ ] contacted the reporting agent and advised that he had just received information from his

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source that word had been received at Davenport, Iowa, during the afternoon by telephone from "up north", presumably St. Paul, Minnesota, that the deal to remove the slot machines from the Davenport area was definitely off and that the machines would not be moved in the immediate future. The informant further advised that his source had indicated that an occurrence of an unknown nature in either St. Paul or Minneapolis, Minnesota, during the day had apparently precipitated the above mentioned telephone call and that the call had presumably either been made by [redacted] personally or someone acting for him, and directed to [redacted].

Informant advised that he would continue discreet efforts to ascertain information pertinent to investigation including the present location of any slot machines purchased in the Davenport area by [redacted] or [redacted] the movements of [redacted] or other persons apt to be connected with instant matter, and any data relative to further plans which might indicate Interstate Transportation of slot machines emanating from the Davenport area.

With reference to the telephone calls made from the hotel room of [redacted] at the Blackhawk Hotel on March 1, 1951, the following information was obtained from Confidential Informant [redacted]

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On that date one call was made to Davenport 7-4296, listed to the Davenport Navy club, 424 Perry Street; one call was made to Davenport 2-9126 listed to the Green Front Cigar Store; two calls were made to Davenport 3-9927, listed to the Davenport Elks Lodge; one call was made to Davenport [redacted] listed to [redacted]; two calls were made to Davenport [redacted] listed to [redacted]; and one call was made to Davenport 2-0187 listed to the Cook Coffee Company.

Also from [redacted] it was ascertained that the calls made from the Hotel room of [redacted] above mentioned, on March 2, 1951, were as follows:

One call to Davenport 6-1631 listed to the Davenport American Legion Post; one call to Davenport [redacted], above mentioned; one call to Davenport [redacted]; one call to Davenport 3-1843 listed to the Interstate Finance Company; one call to Davenport [redacted] residing at [redacted]; one call to Davenport 2-9126, the Green Front Cigar Store; one call to Davenport 3-9927 listed to the Davenport Elks Lodge; one call to Davenport [redacted] and one call to Davenport [redacted], LeClaire, Iowa.

It is noted that the Green Front Cigar Store is owned by [redacted], above mentioned, who, until the State wide crack-down on operation of slot machines



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in October, 1949, was commonly regarded locally as being one of the leading operators of slot machines in Scott County, Iowa. The Cook Coffee Company and the Interstate Finance Company, above mentioned, are regarded as legitimate operations by the Davenport Credit Bureau and other sources of Credit and similar information.

[redacted] above mentioned, is known to be the [redacted] and is also known as [redacted] who operates the [redacted] at Moline, Illinois which is known to be at least partially in the business of handling slot machines, coin operated devices of various types and juke boxes.

[redacted] above mentioned, is known to have operated a tavern at Davenport and to have been interested in the management of the 40 & 8 Club at Davenport. Prior to coming to Davenport Several years ago he had operated a dance hall at Stockton, Iowa.

With reference to [redacted], it is noted that he is generally regarded in the Davenport area as being identified with the coin operated machine business and to have at one time, prior to the 1949 crack-down on slot machines, to have been a representative of an unknown slot machine concern. He has no police record at the Davenport Police Department or the Scott County Sheriff's office but is generally regarded by those departments as being a "shady operator" whose interests are chiefly identified with gambling. He formerly operated the [redacted] at LeClaire, Iowa, and presently, during the summer months, operates the [redacted] on the Mississippi River at his home southwest of LeClaire, Iowa. He is a [redacted] and at one time operated [redacted], Davenport, Iowa, until selling out approximately two years ago. He has been, as of a very recent date, known to distribute business cards showing his home address and telephone number at LeClaire, Iowa, and indicating that he is a representative of the P & S Distributing Company at Des Moines, Iowa, which, investigation at Des Moines, indicates is at least partially owned and controlled by the Paster Interests of St. Paul, Minnesota.

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Background information concerning [redacted] will be set out hereinafter

At 7:30 p.m., Omaha Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, telephonically advised the reporting agent that [redacted] had, a few minutes previously, registered at the Blackhawk Hotel and then was assigned to a room. The informant advised that [redacted] was believed to have gone to the assigned room immediately and had placed a call to Davenport [redacted] listed to [redacted] above mentioned. According to the informant he had apparently been unable to contact the party called at that number. At approximately 11:00 p.m. the same evening, according to the informant, he placed another call to the same number and was again apparently unable to reach the party called.

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Further, according to said informant, [ ] made one long distance telephone call and several local telephone calls between approximately 8:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. on the following day, March 8, 1951, previous to his having checked out of the hotel at 9:41 a.m.

The long distance call, above mentioned, was to [ ], Minneapolis, Minnesota, and the local calls were as follows:

Davenport 2-9276 listed to Griffin's Circle Tap, 1345 West Locust St.;  
Davenport [ ];  
Davenport 2-8673 listed to Midway Recreation Incorporated, a local bowling alley;  
Davenport 2-9225 listed to the Midwest Music Company, 2120 East 11th Street;  
Davenport [ ]

On the evening of March 7, 1951, Confidential Informant [ ] advised that [ ] had arrived in Davenport, Iowa, shortly after 7:00 p.m. that evening and had come to Davenport via bus from Fort Madison, Iowa. Informant stated that so far he had not been able to ascertain the reason for [ ] trip to Davenport on this occasion but from what he had so far been able to learn it was in no way connected with the purchase of transportation of slot machines.

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On March 8, 1951, Confidential Informant [ ] advised that he had ascertained that [ ] trip to Davenport was to make collections for the Paster Interests from the purchasers of two juke box routes in the Tri-City area and concerning which dealings informant had been able to obtain the following information.

[ ] Davenport, Iowa, also known as [ ] above mentioned, is the operator of [ ] of Davenport, Iowa. Informant has been unable to learn whether [ ] is purchasing a juke box route and the equipment thereof from the Paster Interests or whether he is merely operating the same for them as a paid employee under the above name. In either event, he is behind in his remittances to the Paster Interests and is reportedly in very poor financial condition. [ ] has been attempting to collect from [ ] on behalf of the Paster Interests and his contacts with [ ] on March 8, 1951, were probably for the purpose of putting pressure on him in connection with the payment of this obligation.

The Paster Interests are also the Creditors of one [ ] of Rock Island, Illinois, who, approximately one year ago, purchased a juke box route and incidental equipment from the Paster Interests for the sum of approximately \$40,000, having paid down \$10,000 in cash.

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Informant is advised that the remaining balance of the contract was to have been paid out in monthly installments of a very substantial size and that [ ] for reasons unknown to the informant, has fallen into arrears in connection with his payments to the Paster Interests. Informant believes that a third party enters into the picture in connection with the purchase of the [ ] juke box route and is of the opinion that the third person is the ~~Midwest Music Company of Davenport, Iowa.~~

Informant understands that the third party at one time was buying the route and equipment from the Paster Interests and sold same to [ ] with the consent of the Paster Interests.

Informant advised that he does not have the details but understands that the previous owner of the juke box route, presumably the Midwest Music Company, took a second mortgage on the equipment of the route covering its equity in the route purchased by [ ] and that the first mortgage on the route is held by the Paster Distributing Company, which concern supposedly guaranteed payment by [ ] to the Midwest Music Company of the second mortgage held by that company.

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Confidential Informant Omaha [ ] further advised that [ ] was known to have made the statement while in Davenport on the evening of March 7, and the morning of March 8, 1951, that the deal to consummate the purchase and transportation of slot machines from the Davenport area was definitely off for at least three weeks and perhaps permanently, in view of the fact that [ ] and presumably others interested in the Paster Interests, were of the opinion that the Minnesota side of the Iowa boarder was being watched for Interstate Transportation of slot machines.

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Subsequent contacts have frequently been made since March 8, 1951, with Informant [ ] to and including March 28, 1951, but informant advises that there has been no apparent further activity on the part of [ ] or others possibly representing the Paster Interests of St. Paul, Minnesota, along the line of purchasing slot machines in the Davenport area or transporting them from that area. The informant advises that his source is of the opinion that the lack of such activity may be possibly attributed to the recent blizzard and resulting road conditions, the wide-spread publicity afforded by the KEFAUVER Committee investigations, or to other reasons unknown to the source of this informant.

The informant, on March 28, 1951, advised that he would continue to maintain contact with his source of information and expressed the opinion that it was highly probable that his source of information would ultimately have reliable information concerning any further attempt upon the part of [ ] or others connected with the Paster Interests to procure slot machines in the Davenport area for transportation to Minnesota, and that he believed it was entirely possible that his source would receive that information in advance of any such movement.

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It is noted that throughout the period covered by instant investigation, Confidential Informant [ ] has consistently maintained that in his opinion there are probably comparatively few slot machines left in Davenport, Iowa, which could be the subject of purchase due to the fact that many of the private clubs have been known to have disposed of their machines to purchasers outside Iowa immediately following the "slot machine crack-down" by the Iowa State Attorney General in October, 1949, and the additional fact that other clubs having previously operated slot machines in Davenport are known to have either destroyed same or otherwise disposed of them to persons outside the State of Iowa, either just prior to or immediately following the passage of the so-called "Minnesota law" by the Iowa State Legislature which became effective during the latter part of February, 1951, and which provides exceedingly stringent penalties for the mere possession of slot machines, regardless of operation.

Confidential Informant [ ], of known reliability, advised that he has continuously, for several years, been in position to know of the ownership and operations of slot machines in Davenport, Iowa, and Scott County, Iowa, in which Davenport is located. This informant advised that at no time, within the past three or four years, have there been any slot machines operated in the City of Davenport other than those owned and operated in private clubs by private clubs themselves. As to the small towns and rural communities outside of Davenport and situated in Scott County, the informant advised that for the past three or four years, until the State wide crack-down on slot machines in October, 1949, most taverns had one or perhaps two slot machines in operation.

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[ ] continued that various private clubs located in smaller towns and rural communities of Scott County also owned and operated slot machines, until the above mentioned crack-down, but to his positive knowledge there has been no operation of slot machines whatsoever in either Davenport or Scott County since late October, 1949, with the possible exception of isolated instances of "sneak" operations thereof for a period of a portion of an evening by some of the small tavern owners located outside the city.

Informant advised that during the middle of October, 1949, the Iowa State Attorney General ROBERT LARSON had issued an open proclamation to all law enforcement agencies throughout the State to the effect that after midnight, October 29, 1949, the laws of the State of Iowa relating to gambling in all of its forms would be strictly enforced and that in the event that any Police Department or Sheriff's Office failed to strictly enforce such laws, that agents of the State of Iowa would be sent into the local communities to make investigations and arrests. This proclamation was given wide publicity in the press and over the radio and was the leading topic of conversation between the date of the proclamation and the date fixed by LARSON for the "crack-down". The Informant noted that LARSON made special reference to the operation of gambling devices by private clubs and left no doubt that they

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were included in the terms of his proclamation.

The Informant advised that he was reliably informed by many sources that it was commonly believed at the time that LARSON's proclamation was a "flash in the pan" and that the ban on gambling would be soon lifted. Accordingly, many of the private clubs which own slot machines in the Davenport area, together with most of the private operators of such machines, removed the machines from their club rooms and places of business and stored them secretly awaiting the time when it would be safe to bring them forth from their hiding places.

Informant stated, however, that to his positive personal knowledge, several of the leading clubs in Davenport, by official action, decided that they could not afford to take chances with any possible violation of the law and accordingly made arrangements for the sale of their machines to persons residing outside of Iowa, such sales being consummated very shortly after the crack down date. Informant said that among such clubs were the Davenport Country Club, the Davenport Club, and the Town Club of Davenport, Iowa. (3)

Further, according to Informant [ ] it became increasingly apparent to all clubs and persons interested in the operations of slot machines that the "crack-down" was to continue permanently in effect as a month passed by, and from time to time he received reliable information to the effect that additional clubs and private operators were disposing of their machines to purchasers residing outside of Iowa and, in his opinion, located chiefly in the State of Illinois.

The informant continued that most of the last remaining hope of those interested in the continued operation of slot machines vanished when LARSON was re-elected in November, 1950, by a vote of land slide proportions following his campaign which was based chiefly upon his accomplishments in combating gambling. [ ] said that immediately following that election he heard numerous rumors to the effect that still further clubs and operators were selling their machines to persons living outside Iowa. b2 b7D

Confidential Informant [ ] further stated that almost immediately after the convention of the Iowa State Legislature in January, 1951, the so-called "Minnesota Law" relating to the possession of slot machines and gambling devices was introduced in bill form. The introduction of the bill set off another wave of publicity, partially because of the wide spread interest in the subject and partially because of the extremely severe penalties which would be set up under the law, if enacted, as relating to the mere possession of gambling devices. This law was known as Senate File #3 and was subsequently, during February, 1951, passed by nearly a unanimous vote by the Legislature to become effective upon the filing of proof of publication,

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which proof ultimately resulted on February 24, 1951.

Further, according to the same informant, the new law not only permits the seizure of any gambling device, wherever found, but regardless of whether or not same was in operation provides for the cancellation of all permits and licenses for any place of business wherein same should be found and which are issued by the State of Iowa or any of its component political sub-divisions including counties, cities, towns, and townships. Such licenses include the State sales tax permit, without which a retail business cannot operate, cigarette licenses, beer licenses, restaurant licenses, etc.

Informant said that following the passage of said law numerous instances of outright destruction of slot machines and other gambling devices in the Davenport area came to his immediate attention with the result, that in the opinion of this informant, very few slot machines would have remained in the possession of any club or private individual in Davenport or Scott County following February 24, 1951, unless the same would have been stored across the Mississippi River on the Illinois side.

On March 19, 1951, Deputy Sheriff [ ] advised that on February 26, 1951, he and Deputy Sheriff [ ] had occasion to contact [ ] [ ] has been widely known throughout the Davenport community previously as one of the two leading slot machine operators in Davenport and Scott County, Iowa. He advised that he was finally successful in locating [ ] at the Davenport City dump and personally observed that [ ] was busily engaged in intentionally demolishing a large pile of slot machines which [ ] estimated would number one hundred at least. He said that on that occasion he jokingly asked [ ] why he was breaking up the machines instead of selling them to which [ ] replied something to the effect that he had attempted to sell the machines but could not find anyone to buy them. Later [ ] showed [ ] the remains of a large number of other machines at the rear of his residential premises which machines had also obviously been intentionally demolished. [ ] also advised that [ ] told him and [ ] that he has now completed the destruction of all slot machines previously owned by him and that they were of the aggregate value of in excess of \$40,000. [ ] said that while he has no actual knowledge of the total value of any machines that [ ] might have owned, that his operations were at one time known to have been so extensive that the \$40,000 figure might not have been unduly high.

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On March 5, 1951, Omaha Confidential Informant [ ] of known reliability, advised that he had learned that there was a strong possibility that the American Legion Post at Davenport, Iowa, still retained ownership of an unknown number of slot machines and that same were then presently believed to be stored at an unknown warehouse in Rock Island, Illinois.

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A surveillance was maintained in the vicinity of the [redacted] residence at LeClaire, Iowa, during the morning and afternoon of March 5, 1951, by SAs [redacted] and [redacted]. No activity was noted except that a 1948 Hudson four door sedan, two tone blue green in color, bearing 1950 Iowa license 82-25446 was observed parked in the driveway through out the morning and afternoon and behind it, also in the driveway, was parked a 1950 Green Plymouth tudor sedan bearing 1950 Iowa license 77-64327. The Hudson automobile was later discovered to be registered to [redacted], LeClaire, Iowa, and the Plymouth was found to be licensed to the [redacted] & S. Distributing Company, Des Moines, Iowa. The surveillance on the [redacted] residence was discontinued upon the failure of [redacted] to claim his hotel reservation as stated in the details of the report and upon receipt of the information from Informant [redacted] to the effect that the plans to move instant slot machines had been cancelled.

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A surveillance of [redacted] was maintained by SAs [redacted] and [redacted] and the reporting agent beginning at 7:50 p.m., March 7, 1951, and ending at approximately 2:00 a.m. the following day, all at Davenport, Iowa. During the evening and early morning of March 7, 1951, [redacted] left and re-entered the hotel on several occasions and briefly visited at the Davenport Navy Club, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Davenport Moose Lodge as well as several taverns in the down town Davenport area. Nothing of a pertinent nature was noted and [redacted] appeared to be merely killing time.

A surveillance of [redacted] was maintained by SAs [redacted] and [redacted] throughout the day on March 8, 1951, and March 9, 1951, but no pertinent activity was noted. Throughout both days [redacted] appeared to be performing the routing duties pertaining to the operation of his juke box route in that he called at numerous taverns in Davenport and was seen to change records in juke boxes, collect money from juke boxes, and hold conversations with tavern proprietors which appeared to be related to the operation of that business.

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A surveillance of [redacted] activities was maintained by the reporting agent on the morning of March 8, 1951. At 9:41 a.m. he checked out of the Blackhawk Hotel and immediately entered the truck of [redacted] hereinafter described, and was driven by [redacted] to the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad Depot at Savanna, Illinois, where [redacted] boarded a Burlington Zephyr train northbound toward St. Paul and Minneapolis, Minnesota. Following this [redacted] returned to Davenport, Iowa, and continued the activity above ascribed to him.

During the conduct of the surveillance on [redacted] it was observed that he drives a 1948 Ford panel truck, green in color, bearing 1950 Iowa license

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#82-3914. On the right door of said truck are printed the words "Mike's Coin Operated Machines".

A surveillance was maintained in the vicinity of the [redacted] residence at LeClaire, Iowa, through out the day on March 9, 1951, by Special Agents [redacted], and the reporting agent with no pertinent activity being noted.

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Confidential Informant [redacted], of known reliability, advised that the following long distance telephone calls have been placed from Davenport [redacted] listed to [redacted] at LeClaire, Iowa.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TOWN CALLED</u>	<u>NUMBER CALLED</u>
12-5-50	Des Moines, Iowa	
12-5-50	Cedar Rapids, Iowa	
12-11-50	Fort Madison, Iowa	
12-12-50	Burlington, Iowa	
12-12-50	Moline, Illinois	
12-17-50	Rock Island, Illinois	
12-17-50	Moline, Illinois	
12-21-50	Burlington, Iowa	
12-22-50	Moline, Illinois	
12-26-50	Burlington, Iowa	
12-28-40	Savanna, Illinois	
12-29-50	Clinton, Iowa	
1-2-51	Moline, Illinois	
1-3-51	Burlington, Iowa	
1-12-51	Charles City, Iowa	
1-12-51	Rock Island, Illinois	
1-20-51	Wheeling, Illinois	
1-20-51	Galesburg, Illinois	
1-23-51	Moline, Illinois	
1-24-51	Galesburg, Illinois	
1-26-51	Moline, Illinois	
1-27-51	Grand Mound, Iowa	
1-29-51	Argo, Illinois	
1-30-51	Cordova, Illinois	
1-30-51	Des Moines, Iowa	
2-3-51	Moline, Illinois	
2-5-51	Rock Island, Illinois	
2-22-51	Waterloo, Iowa (to P & S Dist. Co.)	
3-1-51	Rock Island, Illinois	
3-4-51	Rock Island, Illinois	

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>TOWN CALLED</u>	<u>NUMBER CALLED</u>
3-4-51	Rock Island, Illinois	
3-4-51	Rock Island, Illinois	
3-5-51	Moline, Illinois	
3-9-51	Reinbeck, Iowa (to [redacted])	
3-10-51	Rock Island, Illinois	
3-10-51	Rock Island, Illinois	
3-12-51	Reinbeck, Iowa (to [redacted])	
3-12-51	Rock Island, Illinois	
3-12-51	Rock Island, Illinois	
3-14-51	Rock Island, Illinois	
3-15-51	Rock Island, Illinois	
3-17-51	Rock Island, Illinois	
3-17-51	Moline, Illinois	
3-17-51	Moline, Illinois	
3-18-51	Reinbeck, Iowa (to [redacted])	
3-18-51	Rock Island, Illinois	

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Confidential Informant [redacted] further advised that the following telephone calls have been made from Davenport number [redacted] listed to [redacted]  
[redacted] Davenport, Iowa.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TOWN CALLED</u>	<u>NUMBER CALLED</u>
2-12-51	Rock Island, Illinois	
2-15-51	Rock Island, Illinois	
2-17-51	Rock Island, Illinois	
2-19-51	Rock Island, Illinois	
2-20-51	Moline, Illinois	
2-21-51	Rock Island, Illinois	
2-28-51	Rock Island, Illinois	
3-4-51	Rock Island, Illinois	
3-5-51	Rock Island, Illinois	
3-6-51	Rock Island, Illinois	
3-12-51	Rock Island, Illinois	

On March 3, 1951, Confidential Informant Omaha [redacted] advised that his source had, within two or three weeks previous thereto, called at the place of business of the Paster Distributing Company in St. Paul, Minnesota, and had contacted [redacted] there. At that time his source was shown through the Paster Plant, located at the same address as their offices, at which

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time [ ] pointed out to the source what [ ] stated to be three thousand slot machines which [ ] indicated had been purchased at bargain prices at unknown points, presumably recently, and accumulated at that place. At that time [ ] was known to have told the source that the Paster Distributing Company has a place for all of the slot machines that it can get and further intimated that that concern is making an effort to acquire additional machines. b6 b7C

On March 10, 1951, [ ] advised that his source has learned that the above approximately three thousand slot machines have been moved from the third floor of the Paster Distributing Company building in St. Paul, Minnesota, to another unknown location but presumably also in St. Paul, Minnesota, and that his source is of the opinion that they could have possibly been moved to warehouse facilities across the street from the Paster company which address is occupied by the Fuller Brush Company and the Sarvel Electrolux Company which building is also owned by the Paster Interests. b2 b7D

On March 28, 1951, Informant [ ] expressed the opinion that there is definitely a hostile feeling upon the part of the Paster Interests and [ ] toward [ ], which feeling has arisen from [ ] having failed to make proper remittances to the Paster Company. This informant believes that it is therefore somewhat of a remote possibility that the Paster Interests would entrust the movement of any slot machines from the Davenport area to [ ].

The following signed statement, the original of which is being retained in the files of this office, was obtained from [ ] who presently holds the position of [ ]. Although [ ] was willing to provide this information in the form of a signed statement he indicated that at the present time he would not desire to appear in court and testify to the information. For this reason [ ] statement is being set forth in the Administrative Section of this report.

"Davenport, Iowa  
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"I, [ ] hereby make the following statement of my own free will to [ ] and [ ], to me previously identified as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. b6 b7C

"I have been advised that I may consult a lawyer at any time and know that I am in no way obligated to make this statement. I have received nothing for making this statement and no threats or promises of any kind have been made to me. I know that this statement could be used against me in a court of law.

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"I reside at [redacted] I am [redacted] years of age, and I can read and write.

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"At the present time I am [redacted]  
[redacted]

"During October, 1949, Attorney General Robert Larson of the State of Iowa issued a proclamation to the effect that as of a specified date, which I believe was the 30th of October, 1949, he would crack down on all gambling in the State of Iowa and that private clubs would no longer be immune from prosecution in this connection because of their status as such in the event that they should be found to possess or operate gambling devices.

"At that time, and for several years previous to that time, the American Legion post above mentioned had owned and operated, at its clubrooms, several slot machines.

"In compliance with above mentioned proclamation the officers of the said Post caused all slot machines, above mentioned, to be removed from the Clubrooms at Davenport, Iowa, prior to the effective date of Mr. Larson's proclamation, at which time they were transported to the warehouse of the Voss Brothers Express and Storage Company, 2125 Third Avenue, Rock Island, Illinois, and there put in commercial storage and none of the said slot machines were ever removed from that place until the time of the sale thereof which will be mentioned and described below and which sale transpired either on March 1 or 2, 1951.

"The slot machines mentioned above were 28 in number, were all manufactured by the Mills Novelty Company, Chicago, Illinois, and were about equally divided as being nickel, dime, and quarter machines. It may be that inventory or purchase records of said Post would further identify these machines as to serial numbers, model descriptions, and other details.

"On the afternoon of either February 28, 1951, or March 1, 1951, I was at the Clubrooms of said Post and received a telephone call from an unidentified male who inquired if I was going to be there for a while. I said that I was and whoever it was calling said that he would be down to see me in about a half hour.

"In about that length of time a Man whom I then knew to be [redacted] of LeClaire, Iowa, and another man whom he introduced as [redacted]

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[ ] asked me if the Post had any slot machines that it desired to sell. I told him that the Post had the above 28 machines in storage at Rock Island, Illinois, and that although I would have to consult other officers of the Post before making any definite commitment as to the sale of the machines, that I would be willing to accompany him to the warehouse in Rock Island, Illinois, to permit him to examine the machines and make an offer for them which I could refer to other officers of the Post for their consideration.

"Following this I accompanied [ ] and [ ] to the above mentioned warehouse in Rock Island, Illinois, in their automobile and [ ] and [ ] examined the said slot machines at said warehouse, following which [ ] said that he would pay the Post \$35.00 each for the 28 machines and would re-contact me the following morning for the decision of the Post's officers as to such a sale.

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"The same afternoon and evening I contacted the proper officers of the Post and obtained their consent to the sale of the slot machines on the above terms.

"The same night [ ] contacted me by phone and told me to meet him the next morning at 8:30 at Martin's Cigar Store, Third and Brady Street, in Davenport, Iowa.

"The next morning I met [ ] and [ ] per that request and the three of us went to the Voss Brothers warehouse in Rock Island, Illinois, where I released the machines from storage and received cash from [ ] in the amount of \$980.00. Following that an employee of the warehouse brought the machines to the loading dock and I observed that [ ] and the man whom they told me was the driver of the truck loaded the machines into a straight truck, red in color, make, model and license number unknown to me. I do not recall what, if any, lettering there was on the truck. I do not recall the identity of the state having issued the license plates for the truck.

"During the above negotiations with [ ] he told me that he had also purchased another quantity of slot machines and that they were then stored at a point in Rock Island, Illinois, which he did not disclose. Neither did he disclose the previous owner or owners of that lot of machines or other details. He also told me that to make his dealings with the slot machines profitable he would have to have 70 or 75 machines to make up a load so I assumed from that that

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"he had purchased a considerable number of machines in addition to those sold him by the Post.

"Also, during the above negotiations, [ ] made certain statements to me from which I inferred that the machines which would comprise the load of the above mentioned truck were to be immediately that day, removed from the Tri-City Area, probably as soon as the truck was loaded. The destination of the machines was never made known to me and I have no information of any kind which would enable me to form any opinion as to the destination of the machines.

"So far I have any knowledge I was selling the Post's machines to [ ] personally and I got the impression that [ ] was merely acting in a friendly capacity to introduce [ ] to local people inasmuch as [ ] appeared to be a resident of some other locality.

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"I would describe [ ] as being white, in his early 30's, medium height, stocky build, very well dressed, and with a very round face. I believe he wore glasses.

"The man whom I was told would drive the above truck I saw only very briefly on the morning that the sale was consummated as above mentioned. I paid very little attention to him. I would describe him as white, around middle age, rather short in stature, average build and he wore a laborer's clothing which I am unable to describe.

"I have read the above statement consisting of this and eight other pages, each of which I have initialed together with the various corrections, and the contents of this statement are all true.

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"In the presence of:

[ ] Sp. Agent, F.B.I., Davenport, Iowa, 3/26/51  
[ ] Special Agent, F.B.I., Davenport, Ia. 3/26/51"

In addition to the contents of the foregoing statement, he orally advised the following information.

He was unable to give any further details of the description of the red truck mentioned in the statement other than it was a straight truck,

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similar in body type to a small moving van and that it was a chinese red in color. It did not appear to be brand new or freshly washed although he did not recall the identity of the state issuing the license or what, if any, lettering there was on the truck. He advised that he is certain that the truck was not the property of the Voss Brothers Company and that it had been arranged for by [redacted], although he does not know whether it came from some point outside the Tri-Cities or not.

The following investigation was conducted at Des Moines, Iowa, by Special Agent [redacted] on March 5 and 6, 1951.

Confidential Informant Omaha [redacted] advised that Des Moines telephone number 4-9186 was listed to the P & S Distributing Company, 110 - 11 th Street with an alternate listing of the United Acceptance Company, same address. According to this informant this telephone number was formerly held by [redacted]

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The Des Moines City Director reflects that the P & S Distributing Company at 110 - 11th Street, Des Moines, Iowa, is a vending machine company operated by IRVING R. SANDLER as president and treasurer and HERMAN PASTER, vice president and secretary. At a later time, [redacted] advised the following calls had been made and charged to Des Moines telephone 4-9186.

2-26-51, collect call to 4-9186 from [redacted] Brooklyn, Iowa. An individual by the name of [redacted] placed the call.

This source also advised that Des Moines number 3-2773 is billed with 4-9186.

3-1-51, collect call from 151, Brooklyn, Iowa, which is issued to the Brooklyn cafe, to 4-9186, Des Moines, Iowa.

3-1-51, collect from [redacted] Brooklyn, Iowa, [redacted] to 4-9186 in Des Moines.

2-20-51, collect from Minneapolis, [redacted], placed by [redacted] collect to 4-9186.

3-1-51, collect from [redacted], Chicago, Illinois, [redacted] to 4-9186, Des Moines, Iowa.

3-1-51, collect from [redacted] calling to 4-9186.

3 2-51, 4-9186, Des Moines to Waterloo, Iowa, [redacted] talked to [redacted]

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3-2-51, 4-9186 to [ ] calling [ ] Call placed from [ ] Des Moines, Iowa.

3-2-51, collect from Davenport, Iowa, [ ], call placed by a [ ] to Des Moines 4-9186.

3-3-51, 4-9186 to Minneapolis, [ ]

3-3-51, 4-9186, Des Moines, Iowa, to Chicago, Illinois, [ ]  
[ ], talked to [ ]

3-3-51, 4-9186, [ ] to [ ], talked to a Mr. [ ]  
[ ] Call placed from [ ] Des Moines, Iowa.

4-4-51, no calls were placed from 4-9186 in Des Moines, Iowa.

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A check of the Motor Vehicle registration records, Polk County, Iowa, reflect that the P & S Distributing Company has registered to it a 1950 Dodge, half-ton express model truck, Iowa license #77-13. The Sandler Distributing Company has a 1950 Dodge one half ton express model truck, registered to it, license #77-6223, as well as a 1948 Dodge four door sedan, Iowa license #77-37973. [ ] has a 1950 Plymouth Convertible Coupe, Iowa license #77-62553 registered to him.

The P & S Distributing Company has a 1950 Plymouth tudor sedan registered to that company, Iowa license #77-64327. The files of the Iowa Driver's License Division of the Department of Public Safety reflect that [ ] is the holder of an Iowa driver's license which was due to expire February 28, 1950, however, the clerk in charge informed that this was probably renewed and the renewal has not been placed in file. This reflects that [ ] was born on [ ]

Contact is being maintained with the various informants mentioned in the details of instant report and a stop has been placed at the Blackhawk hotel, Davenport, Iowa, to become operative in the event that [ ] again registers at that place or requests a reservation there.

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ATTENTION ALL OFFICES

In accordance with the contents of Omaha teletype to the Director, Minneapolis, and Springfield dated March 27, 1951 entitled "UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, Slot Machines, Private Clubs, Davenport, Iowa. INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF GAMBLING DEVICES", it is suggested that unless other instructions to the contrary are received from the Bureau, that no action be taken in covering the following leads which would conceivably draw suspicion to the existence of instant investigation, in view of the future possibility that a subsequent violation may be developed at Davenport, Iowa, per the information contained in this teletype. The following leads are being set forth to be covered at such time as may be instructed by the Office of Origin.

A copy of instant report is being furnished to the Chicago Office for their information in view of the alleged habit of [redacted] to travel from Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minnesota to the Tri-City Area by Burlington railroad to Savanna, Illinois, which is in the Chicago Territory, thence to the Tri-City Area by bus or automobile. It is felt that the Chicago office may subsequently be requested to conduct investigation in instant matter.

THE MINNEAPOLIS DIVISION

At Minneapolis, Minnesota:

Will discreetly attempt to ascertain the descriptions of any trucks owned, operated, or controlled by the Paster Interests at St. Paul or Minneapolis, Minnesota for comparison with the description of the truck described by [redacted] which was used to transport slot machines from Rock Island, Illinois on March 2, 1951, and for the further purpose of enabling ready identification thereof in the event that same should subsequently be encountered in investigation of instant matter.

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At St. Paul, Minnesota:

Will attempt to obtain information concerning the activities of [redacted] and the Paster Interests in obtaining slot machines outside the State of Minnesota for transportation into that state and will also attempt to ascertain the activities of the Paster Interests in connection with the disposition of the approximately three thousand slot machines reportedly on hand in its warehouse at St. Paul, Minnesota, during February, 1951, it being believed possible that information along this line might develop evidence of other violations of a pertinent nature.

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THE SPRINGFIELD DIVISION

At Rock Island, Illinois:

Will make an appropriate investigation at the Voss Brothers Transfer and Storage Company, Rock Island, Illinois for all available information relating to the storage of the slot machines belonging to the Davenport Post of the American Legion and the removal thereof on March 2, 1951, as indicated by [REDACTED]. Such investigation should include a checking of the storage records and interrogation of any employees of that concern who might have observed the loading of instant machines on that occasion and being directed to the verification of the information furnished by [REDACTED], set forth above, and the developing information concerning the identity of the driver of the truck into which the machines were loaded and the identification of said truck.

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At Rock Island and Moline, Illinois:

Will remain in contact with any confidential informants who may be in a position to discreetly furnish pertinent information and will report results of investigation previously conducted in these cities.

Will ascertain the identity, occupation, and reputation of the subscribers to the various telephones called from the telephones of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] as set forth in the foregoing report.

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At Rock Island, Illinois:

Will discreetly obtain a detailed description of all trucks belonging to [REDACTED] or the Duncan Wine and Liquor Company, it being noted that Confidential Informant [REDACTED] has indicated that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] are known to be closely associated for unknown reasons and it is therefore being considered possible that [REDACTED] may have made arrangements with or through [REDACTED] for the truck used to transport the above slot machines from the Voss Brothers Warehouse, Rock Island, Illinois, on March 2, 1951.

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THE OMAHA DIVISION

At Davenport, Iowa:

Will continue to remain in contact with the various confidential informants mentioned in the foregoing report for any available information pertinent to instant matter.

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At Des Moines, Iowa:

Will discreetly ascertain the description of all trucks owned, operated or under the control of the P & S Distributing Company, it being considered possible that a truck of that concern may have been used to transport slot machines from the Voss Brothers Warehouse, Rock Island, Illinois, on 3-2-51.

At New Hampton, Iowa:

Will ascertain the identity of the subscriber to telephone number [redacted], it being noted that that telephone was called from the telephone listed to the Paster Distributing Company, St. Paul, Minnesota, on 2-19-51, such call possibly having been made in connection with a purchase or attempted purchase of slot machines.

At Shenandoah, Iowa:

Will ascertain the identity of subscriber to telephone number [redacted], it being noted that a telephone call was made to that telephone from the Paster Distributing Company, St. Paul, Minnesota, on 2-19-51 to a party named [redacted], and same may have been made in an effort to make arrangements for the purchase of slot machines.

At Fairfax, Iowa:

Will conduct similar investigation to that requested at New Hampton, Iowa, in connection with a call from the Paster Distributing Company on 2-21-51 to telephone number [redacted], the party's name being [redacted].

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At Carroll, Iowa:

Will conduct investigation similar to that requested at New Hampton, Iowa, above, in connection with a telephone call from the Paster Distributing Company of St. Paul, Minnesota, on 2-24-51 to telephone number [redacted] to an individual named [redacted].

At Omaha, Nebraska:

Will conduct similar investigation to that above requested at New Hampton, Iowa, in connection with telephone number [redacted], it being noted that several telephone calls were made to that number from the Paster Distributing Company at St. Paul, Minnesota during February, 1951.

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At Eldora, Iowa:

Will conduct similar investigation to that requested above at New Hampton, Iowa, in connection with a phone call from the Paster Distributing Company, St. Paul, Minnesota, to number [ ] on 1-21-51.

At Charles City, Iowa:

Will conduct similar investigation to that above requested at New Hampton, Iowa, in connection with a telephone call from the Paster Distributing Company, St. Paul, Minnesota, on 2-19-51, to number 621, believed to be the Veterans of Foreign Wars club.

At Iowa Falls, Iowa:

Will conduct similar investigation to that above requested at New Hampton, Iowa, in connection with two telephone calls from the Paster Distributing Company, St. Paul, Minnesota, to number 9440 on 2-20-51 and 2-26-51 respectively, it being noted that this is apparently the number of the Iowa Falls Elks Club and that the latter of said calls was apparently made to [ ] at this number.

At Reinbeck, Iowa:

Will conduct similar investigation to that above requested at New Hampton, Iowa, in connection with telephone calls made from the telephone of [ ] at LeClaire, Iowa to [ ] at Telephone number [ ], Reinbeck, Iowa, on 3-9,12,18-51. b6 b7C

At Waterloo, Iowa:

Will conduct investigation similar to that above requested at New Hampton, Iowa, in connection with the subscriber to telephone number [ ], it being noted that a telephone call was made to that number from the telephone of [ ], LeClaire, Iowa, on 2-22-51 and that at that time he indicated that he was calling the P & S Distributing Company. In connection with this lead it should be discreetly determined if the subscriber to this phone could be engaged in the accumulation of slot machines and if this telephone could be listed to a firm or individual connected with the P & S Distributing Company, Des Moines, Iowa, which is known to be partially owned and controlled by HERMAN PASTER of the Paster Distributing Company, St. Paul, Minnesota.

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AT Burlington, Iowa:

Will conduct similar investigation to that above requested at New Hampton, Iowa, in connection with the subscriber to telephone number [redacted], it being noted that long distant calls were made to that number on several occasions during December, 1950 and January, 1951.

At Brooklyn, Iowa:

Will conduct similar investigation to that above requested at New Hampton, Iowa, with relation to the subscriber to telephone number [redacted], it being noted that collect calls were made from that number to the telephone of the P & S Distributing Company, Des Moines, Iowa, on 2-26 and 3-1-51, it being further noted that an individual named [redacted] (ph) placed the call on 2-26-51.

Will conduct similar investigation to that above requested concerning the identity of the subscriber to telephone number [redacted], it being noted that an individual named [redacted] (ph) placed a collect call from that telephone to the telephone of the P & S Distributing Company, Des Moines, Iowa, on 3-1-51.

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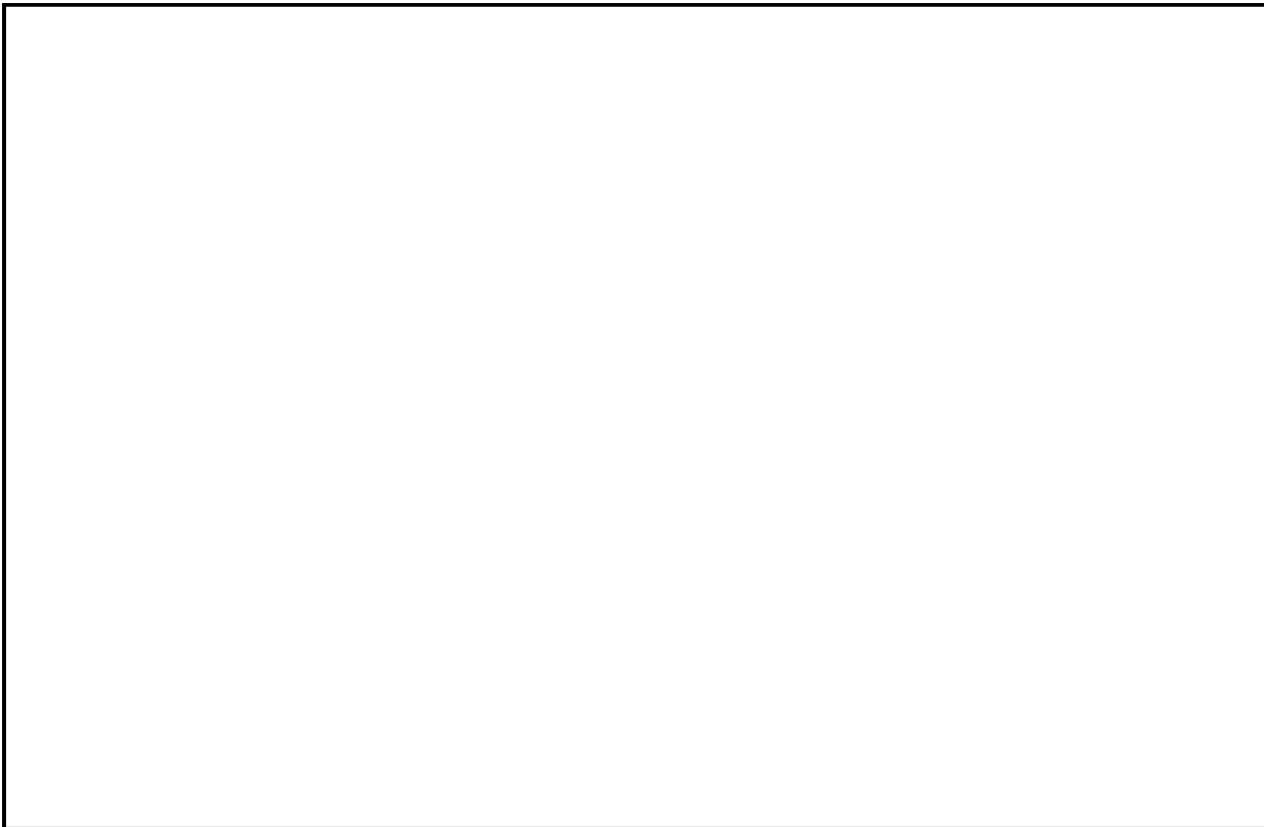
At Iowa City, Iowa:

Will conduct investigation similar to that requested at New Hampton, Iowa concerning the subscriber to telephone number [redacted], it being noted that on 3-2-51 a call was placed from Des Moines number [redacted] and charged to the P & S Distributing Company telephone, [redacted] to a [redacted] at the above Iowa City number.

At Waterloo, Iowa:

Will conduct investigation similar to that above requested at New Hampton, Iowa, in connection with the subscriber to Waterloo telephone number [redacted], it being noted that on 3-2-51 a call was placed to a [redacted] at the above Waterloo number from the telephone of the P & S Distributing Company at Des Moines, Iowa.

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REFERENCES: Springfield teletypes to Bureau, Omaha and Minneapolis dated 3-3-51.  
Springfield teletype to Chicago dated 3-5-51.  
Springfield teletype to Minneapolis and Omaha dated 3-5-51.  
Bureau teletype to Omaha dated 3-3-51 and 3-5-51.  
Omaha teletype to Bureau, Springfield, and Minneapolis, dated 3-4-51, 3-5-51, 3-8-51, 3-10-51 and 3-27-51.  
Minneapolis teletype to Bureau, Springfield and Omaha dated 3-4-51.  
Minneapolis teletype to Bureau and Omaha dated 3-5-51.  
Minneapolis teletype to Omaha dated 3-14-51.  
Report of SA [redacted] dated 3-22-51 at Minneapolis, Minnesota, entitled "UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; Slot Machines, Private clubs, Davenport, Iowa: Purchase and Interstate Transportation to St. Paul, Minnesota, INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF GAMBLING DEVICES".

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The above referenced teletypes bear the same or a closely similar title to that of above referenced report of SA [redacted].

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TO : Mr. Rosen *Re*

DATE: March 5, 1951

FROM : 

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;

*of slot machines to*

~~Slot Machines, Private Clubs,  
Davenport, Iowa; Purchase and  
Interstate Transportation to  
St. Paul, Minnesota;  
INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION  
OF GAMBLING DEVICES~~

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Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Nease \_\_\_\_\_

Call: 10:05 a.m.

ASAC Commons, Omaha, was telephonically instructed to *afford* this case continuous and expeditious investigative attention. Commons was informed that the Bureau is especially interested in developing for successful prosecution a case involving the active interstate transportation of slot machines in violation of the new statute.

Commons was cautioned that in view of the information indicating that the subjects also dealt in pinball machines and possibly coin-vending machines, it should be positively determined that actual slot machines were involved which fall within the scope of the law.

Commons stated that his informant was , at Davenport, and that he was sending a teletype to the Bureau setting forth background on suspect

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

MARCH 5, 1951

Transmit the following message to:

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MINNEAPOLIS  
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RETEL FOURTH INSTANT, MINNEAPOLIS. UNSUB SLOT MACHINES, PRIVATE CLUBS  
DAVENPORT, IOWA. PURCHASE AND INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION TO ST. PAUL  
MINNESOTA, ITGD. [REDACTED] MAYBE IDENTICAL WITH [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], FBI NUMBER [REDACTED] ENLISTED U.

S. ARMY MAY TWELVE, FORTY-TWO, MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA, ASN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BORN, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] NO CRIMINAL RECORD. NO PHOTO

AVAILABLE. CONFIRMING.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
 FROM : SAC, MINNEAPOLIS

DATE: March 8, 1951

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, SLOT MACHINES,  
 PRIVATE CLUBS, DAVENPORT, IOWA  
 PURCHASE AND INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION  
 TO ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA  
 INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF GAMBLING DEVICES

AIR MAIL

Re Omaha teletype to Bureau, Chicago, Minneapolis, and  
 Springfield dated March 5, 1951.

The January, 1951, St. Paul Street Address Telephone Directory  
 reflects that at 2218 University Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota,  
 there are listed the following firms, all of whom have the same  
 telephone number, NEstor 7901:

Mayflower Distributing Company  
 Ajax Refrigeration Company  
 Holly Sales Company  
 Paster Distributing Company  
 Progress Finance Company.

The recent Minneapolis, Minnesota, Telephone Directory lists  
 [redacted] as living at [redacted] St. Louis  
 Park, telephone [redacted].

In regard to telephone [redacted], it was ascertained from a  
 confidential source that only one long distance phone call was  
 made from [redacted] to anywhere in the state of Iowa on March  
 5, 1951, and that the number which was called was Davenport,  
 Iowa, [redacted].

The above information regarding the one phone call was telephonically  
 furnished to the Omaha office on March 6, 1951.

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Toll calls for the past thirty days from [redacted] are present  
 being obtained, and as soon as such data is obtained it will be  
 furnished to the Bureau and Omaha office.

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In regard to telephone [redacted] mentioned above, the confiden-  
 tial source advised that for the period January 21, 1951, to  
 March 5, 1951, the following are the only long distance phone  
 calls which were made:

DATE	CITY	PHONE	PERSON	TIME
1-21-51	Eldora, Iowa	[redacted]	Station to Station	9:15 p.m.
1-25-51	St. Paul, Minn.	[redacted]	Station to Station	9:05 p.m.
2-1-51	St. Paul, Minn.	[redacted]	Station to Station	

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CC: Omaha (AMSD) (2)

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DIRECTOR AND SACS MINNEAPPLIS AND SPRINGFIELD

UNSUBS, <sup>Q</sup>SLOT MACHINES, <sup>Q</sup>PRIVATE CLUBS, DAVENPORT, IOWA, ITGD. RE

INFORMATION RECEIVED TODAY FROM CONFIDENTIAL

SOURCE AT DAVENPORT, IOWA, WHO IS CONSIDERED RELIABLE, INDICATING THAT  
ON MARCH TWO AND THREE, OFFICIALS OF ~~ELKS CLUB~~, DAVENPORT, <sup>IOWA</sup> NEGOTIATED

WITH  CONCERNING SALE TO  OF THIRTYEIGHT SLOT MAC-  
HINES AT FIFTY DOLLARS EACH.  WAS INTRODUCED TO CLUB OFFICIALS BY

WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE CLUB. THESE MACHINES WHICH HAVE  
BEEN IN STORAGE FOR APPROXIMATELY EIGHTEEN MONTHS ARE LOCATED IN A VAULT  
IN THE BASEMENT OF BUILDING IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO ELKS CLUB LODGE.

THIS BUILDING FORMERLY OCCUPIED BY NOW DEFUNCT INSURANCE COMPANY AND  
HAS REPORTEDLY BEEN PURCHASED BY THE ELKS CLUB.

AND AN OFFICIAL OF ELKS CLUB EXAMINED THE MACHINES ON MARCH TWO AT  
WHICH TIME  AGREED TO OBTAIN MACHINES DURING EVENING HOURS OF MARCH  
FIVE. PAYMENT WAS TO BE MADE IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO MOVEMENT OF THE  
MACHINES IN ORDER THAT  COULD CLAIM OWNERSHIP IF ~~MONITOR~~ DETECTED  
AND THUS ABSOLVE CLUB OFFICIALS. AT APPROXIMATELY THREE P. M. MARCH

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FIVE [ ] CALLED A CLUB OFFICER AND TOLD HIM THAT [ ], WHO WAS THEN IN ST. PAUL, HAD BECOME APPREHENSIVE CONCERNING THE PROPOSED MOVEMENT OF THE MACHINES AND THAT NO ATTEMPT WOULD BE MADE TO OBTAIN THEM FOR AT LAST THREE WEEKS. CLUB OFFICIALS HAVE HAD NO FURTHER CONTACT WITH [ ] CONCERNING PROPOSED SALE. APPROPRIATE COVERAGE HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED THROUGH CONFIDENTIAL SOURCES IN ORDER THAT THIS OFFICE WILL BE INFORMED OF ANY FURTHER NEGOTIATION WITH CLUB OFFICERS. SINCE IT APPEARS THAT NEGOTIATIONS ARE STILL PENDING CONCERNING THE THIRTYEIGHT MACHINES ALREADY CONTRACTED FOR, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT INVESTIGATION REQUESTED OF SPRINGFIELD AND MINNEAPOLIS OFFICE IN REFERENCED TELETYPE OF TWENTYSIX WOULD JEOPARDIZE THE PROPOSED MOVEMENT OF ELKS CLUB MACHINES. IN VIEW OF THIS AND SINCE MOVEMENT OF THESE MACHINES OFFERS BETTER POSSIBILITY OF SUCCESSFUL INVESTIGATION, SPRINGFIELD AND MINNEAPOLIS SHOULD, UACB, HOLD IN ABEYANCE INVESTIGATION CONCERNING MACHINES OBTAINED AT ROCK ISLAND, ILL. ON FEBRUARY TWENTYEIGHT OR MARCH ONE.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: March 13, 1951

FROM : SAC, MINNEAPOLIS

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, SLOT MACHINES,  
 PRIVATE CLUBS, DAVENPORT, IOWA  
 PURCHASE AND INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION  
 TO ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA  
 INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF GAMBLING DEVICES

Re Omaha teletype to Bureau, Chicago, Minneapolis, and  
 Springfield dated March 5, 1951, and Minneapolis memo to  
 Bureau and Omaha dated March 8, 1951.

Our memo dated March 8, 1951, reflects that telephone  
 Nestor 7901 is listed to the following firms, all of whom  
 have the same address, 2218 University Avenue, St. Paul,  
 Minnesota:

Mayflower Distributing Company  
 Ajax Refrigeration Company  
 Holly Sales Company  
 Paster Distributing Company  
 Progress Finance Company

Through a confidential source it was determined that the  
 following long distance phone calls were made from Nestor  
 7901 for the period from February 6, 1951, to March 5, 1951:

DATE	CITY	PHONE	PERSON
11-25-50	Jamestown, No. Dak.		
2-6-51	Collect from Fairmount		
2-7-51	Collect from Aberdeen		
2-8-51	Collect from Philadel- phia		
2-9-51	Collect from New York City		
2-9-51	Collect from La Crosse, Wisconsin		
2-10-51	Williston, North Dakota		
2-10-51	Milwaukee		
2-10-51	Council Bluffs		
2-12-51	Chicago		
2-12-51	Des Moines		
2-12-51	Mahtomedi, Minn.		
2-12-51	Rochester		

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2-12-51 Omaha  
2-12-51 Philadelphia  
2-12-51 Milwaukee  
2-12-51 Milwaukee  
2-12-51 Collect from Fargo, No. Dak.  
2-12-51 Collect from Las Vegas, Nev.  
2-13-51 Eau Claire, Wisconsin  
2-13-51 Chicago  
2-14-51 Collect from Chicago  
  
2-14-51 Sisseton, South Dakota  
2-14-51 Collect from Chicago  
  
2-15-51 Chicago  
2-15-51 Des Moines  
2-15-51 Milwaukee  
2-15-51 Chetek, Wisconsin  
2-15-51 Huron  
2-16-51 Collect from Chicago  
2-16-51 Grand Rapids, Minnesota  
2-16-51 Mahtomedi  
2-16-51 Chicago  
2-16-51 St. Peter  
2-17-51 Duluth  
2-17-51 Mankato  
2-19-51 Duluth  
2-19-51 Milwaukee  
2-19-51 Madison  
2-19-51 Eau Claire  
2-19-51 Eau Claire  
2-19-51 Des Moines  
2-19-51 Chicago  
2-19-51 Chicago  
2-19-51 Chicago  
2-19-51 Chicago  
2-19-51 New Hampton, Iowa  
2-19-51 Shenandoah, Iowa  
2-19-51 Philadelphia  
2-19-51 Portland, Oregon  
2-20-51 Wausau, Wisconsin  
2-20-51 Milwaukee  
2-20-51 Collect from Madison  
2-20-51 Collect from Fargo  
2-20-51 Collect from Rochester  
2-20-51 Collect from Chicago  
2-20-51 Collect from Austin  
2-20-51 Madison  
2-20-51 LaCrosse

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2-21-51 Omaha  
2-21-51 Chicago  
2-21-51 Rochester  
2-21-51 Wausau, Wisconsin  
2-21-51 Minot, North Dakota  
2-21-51 Minot, North Dakota  
2-21-51 Collect from Hastings  
2-21-51 Collect from Wausau  
2-21-51 Fairfax, Iowa or Minn.?  
2-21-51 Milwaukee  
2-21-51 Milwaukee  
2-21-51 Milwaukee  
2-22-51 Collect from Waterloo, Iowa  
2-22-51 Collect from New Hampton, Iowa  
2-22-51 Brookings, South Dakota  
2-22-51 Minot  
2-22-51 Minot  
2-22-51 Mahtomedi  
2-22-51 Maple Plain  
2-22-51 Omaha  
2-22-51 Omaha  
2-23-51 Omaha  
2-23-51 Fairmount  
2-23-51 Minot, North Dakota  
2-23-51 Sioux Falls  
2-23-51 Chicago  
2-24-51 Omaha  
2-24-51 Carroll, Iowa  
2-24-51 Brookings  
2-24-51 Collect from Fergus Falls  
2-26-51 East Grand Forks  
2-26-51 Chicago  
2-26-51 Chicago  
2-26-51 Chicago  
2-26-51 Duluth  
  
2-26-51 Duluth  
2-26-51 Chicago  
2-26-51 Omaha  
2-26-51 Omaha  
2-26-51 Oskosh, Wisconsin  
2-26-51 Louisville  
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **OMAHA**

SI FILE NO. 71-100

<b>REPORT MADE AT</b> SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS	<b>DATE WHEN MADE</b> 4/19/51	<b>PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE</b> 3/3,5,7,9,28/51 4/14/51	<b>REPORT MADE BY</b> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 20px; margin: 5px 0;"></div> AB
<b>TITLE</b> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 20px; margin: 5px 0;"></div> , was., <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 20px; margin: 5px 0;"></div> , wa., UNKNOWN SUBJECTS			<b>CHARACTER OF CASE</b> INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF GAMBLING DEVICES

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

[redacted] Rock Island, Illinois advised March 3, 1951 slot machines being purchased by individual known by [redacted] as [redacted] representative of St. Paul, Minnesota group known by [redacted] as HERMAN PASTURE Distributing Company from private clubs Davenport, Iowa for interstate transportation to St. Paul, Minnesota. Background information regarding [redacted] alleged associates and contacts Rock Island and Moline, Illinois set out. Surveillances maintained March 5, 1951 and March 8, 1951 with no resulting information of value. Subsequent contacts with [redacted] and [redacted] reveal no additional information.

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The following is a joint report of Special Agents [redacted] and the reporting agent.

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**DETAILS:**

AT ROCK ISLAND, ILLINOIS

This report is predicated upon information furnished to the reporting agent on March 3, 1951 by [redacted], of unknown reliability, who initially stated that an unknown group of individuals from St. Paul, Minnesota was negotiating for the purchase of slot machines from various private clubs--Veterans, Elks, etc.--in Davenport, Iowa. These slot machines which had been banned from the premises of such clubs by recent Iowa statute were to be purchased by the St. Paul group for approximately \$50.00 per machine, according to [redacted]. Approximately one hundred slots were to be transported from Davenport, Iowa by truck to St. Paul, Minnesota sometime during the night of March 5, 1951.

<b>APPROVED AND FORWARDED</b> <div style="font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em; margin-top: 10px;">James O. East</div>	<b>SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE</b> <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold; margin-top: 10px;">71-3129-11</div>
<b>COPIES OF THIS REPORT</b> 2 - Bureau 3 - Omaha (71-206) 3 - Minneapolis (71-161) 2 - Springfield	<div style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; transform: rotate(-15deg); margin-top: 10px;">COPY IN FILE</div> <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 10px;"> <b>SE 18</b>  <b>RECORDED - 115</b>  <b>INDEXED - 115</b>  <b>EX-58</b> </div>

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[ ] stated that the St. Paul group had manufactured slot machines at one time and that the group had recently rented storage space in an unknown St. Paul warehouse. An Iowa racketeer known by [ ] as [ ] was believed to be an associate of the group although he was not expected to take an active part in the movement.

Continuing contacts with [ ] during the afternoon and evening of March 3, 1951 revealed the following information:

[ ] Navy Club, 422 Perry Street, Davenport, Iowa and [ ] a second-floor hotel, same address, was believed to be a contact of the St. Paul group.

The above mentioned Navy Club; Post 18 Amvets, 1524 Harrison Street; Post 26, American Legion, 200 South Perry Street; all Davenport, Iowa, were believed by [ ] to be in the process of negotiating with the St. Paul group.

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The St. Paul group was known by [ ] as the HERMAN PASTER Distributing Company (apparently identical with PASTER Distributing Company) and the representative contacting prospective sellers in the Davenport, Iowa area was known by [ ] as [ ] (apparently identical with [ ] [ ]).

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A contact of the group was believed to be [ ] [ ] Davenport, Iowa, believed by [ ] to be the owner of slot machines.

When negotiations were made to sell slots, Davenport, Iowa telephone number 200-2781 was called in order to contact prospective purchasers.

The Omaha Division advised on March 3, 1951 that [ ] or associates of the HERMAN PASTER Distributing Company had frequented the Hotel Fort Armstrong, Rock Island, Illinois, sometimes accompanied by a woman of unknown description, and that slot machine deals were believed to have been made by [ ] while accommodated at instant hotel.

[ ] Hotel Ft. Armstrong, made registration records available dating from January 24, 1948 to March 5, 1951 which disclosed no information pertaining to [ ] or associates.

The following information pertains to alleged associates and contacts of [ ] in the Rock Island, Illinois area.

[ ], Davenport, Iowa, was

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born [redacted] In 1930 [redacted] was employed by the Iowa-Illinois Light and Power Company. He presently is operating the [redacted] Moline, Illinois. This business was formerly known as the [redacted] prior to 1944. It was reflected that several chattle mortgages were executed between [redacted] and the Paster Distributing Company, St. Paul, Minnesota, no dates given. Under the name [redacted] Davenport, Iowa, he was arrested on December 10, 1948 at his place of business, [redacted] Moline, Illinois by the Moline Police Department on the charge of possessing gambling devices, ("Barrel of Fun"). He was fined \$100.00 and cost of court \$9.40 on the above charge, Moline, Illinois Municipal Court, January 26, 1949.

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[redacted] Davenport, Iowa is employed as [redacted] of the Duncan Wine & Liquor Company which maintains its office and warehouse at 2029 4th Avenue, Rock Island, Illinois.

[redacted] of known reliability states that [redacted] has never been known to possess slot machines or other gambling devices. However, [redacted] is considered by [redacted] to be a person who might drift toward easy money and shady deals. [redacted] has never known the Duncan Liquor Company to participate in unlawful activities, and believes that [redacted] would operate solely on his own accord in this respect.

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Surveillances maintained on the following individuals and places of business revealed no pertinent information:

DUNCAN WINE & LIQUOR COMPANY, Office and Warehouse, 2029 4th Avenue, Rock Island, Illinois, March 5, 1951.

[redacted], activities in area of Rock Island, Illinois, March 8, 1951.

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[redacted] Moline, Illinois, March 8, 1951.

Subsequent contacts with [redacted] and [redacted] has disclosed no additional information of value.

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The following information pertains to persons believed to be possible contacts and associates of [REDACTED], in the Rock Island, Illinois area:

[REDACTED] Davenport, Iowa, has been employed by the Continental Baking Company, Davenport, Iowa and the Five Point Bakery, 823 5th Avenue, Moline, Illinois. Under the name of [REDACTED], Davenport, Iowa, born [REDACTED] (no place of birth given), he was arrested March 6, 1946 by the Moline, Illinois Police Department charged with careless driving. He was fined \$5.00 and court costs of \$4.40. These records disclosed that [REDACTED] was married, wife, [REDACTED] and was employed at the time as a [REDACTED] for the Five Point Bakery, Moline, Illinois.

[REDACTED], resides at [REDACTED], East Moline, Illinois, and appears to be purchasing and selling real estate. He once owned a concrete block business with his brother, [REDACTED] and one [REDACTED], which was a front for bootlegging activities. He had also, a slot machine business at one time. His source of revenue is considered untraceable.

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[REDACTED] resides at [REDACTED], East Moline, Illinois and is presently operating the [REDACTED], East Moline, Illinois. He was reportedly charged with black market activities in recent years. During his bootlegging days he operated a 320 acre farm which was reportedly used for the illegal sale of liquor.

[REDACTED], resides at [REDACTED], East Moline, Illinois and is presently operating the [REDACTED], East Moline, Illinois. He is considered to be the most reputable member of the [REDACTED] family.

In regard to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], [REDACTED] Businessmen's Association Credit Bureau, Moline, Illinois, stated that the [REDACTED] combine was only dormant and if "things opened up", they would probably be in the rackets. [REDACTED] said he heard that when gambling was throttled in Rock Island County about one year ago all the slot machines of the combine were put in [REDACTED] garage, after which a moving van hauled them away, reportedly to Peoria, Illinois. [REDACTED] indicated that the businesses presently operated by the [REDACTED] brothers and [REDACTED] were fronts for underworld activities.

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[REDACTED] residing [REDACTED] Rock Island, Illinois is the

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owner of two television stores, [redacted]  
[redacted], Rock Island, Illinois, and a vending machine business at the  
same address. He was 37 years of age in 1946 at which time he owned the  
[redacted]. He is the owner of the building at [redacted]  
[redacted] Rock Island, Illinois where the vending machine company is located.

[redacted], residing [redacted] Rock Island, Illinois and  
Davenport, Iowa, was born in [redacted], no place of birth given. He purchased  
the above business from [redacted] of Davenport, Iowa September 1, 1949  
for \$40,000.00, paying \$10,000.00 in cash and a balance of \$378.00 per  
week. These payments were made promptly. In the autumn of 1949 he  
had an income of \$650.00 per week.

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FAY GARDNER, residing 1628 21st Avenue, Rock Island, Illinois and owner  
of Gardner Music Company, 1103 3rd Avenue, Rock Island, Illinois is  
50 years of age. He has been a salesman for "sales stimulating machines"  
(slot machines) since 1939. He formerly sold cars and was a racing car  
driver, once having been employed by the FRANKEL Specialty Company  
[redacted]

[redacted], residing [redacted] Rock Island, Illinois, wife  
[redacted] is the owner of [redacted]  
Rock Island, Illinois and the [redacted] Milan, Illinois.

[redacted], residing [redacted] Rock Island, Illinois once  
signed a conditional sales contract with the Mayflower Distributing Company,  
St. Paul, Minnesota for shuffle alleys, making payments of \$103.00 per  
month for 55 months.

Information regarding the above individuals was disclosed from records  
of the following agencies:

- Business Men's Association Credit Bureau, Moline, Illinois.
- Quad-Cities Credit Bureau, Rock Island, Illinois.
- Merchant's Credit Bureau, Rock Island, Illinois.
- Moline Illinois Police Department.
- Rock Island, Illinois Police Department.
- Rock Island County Sheriff's Office.

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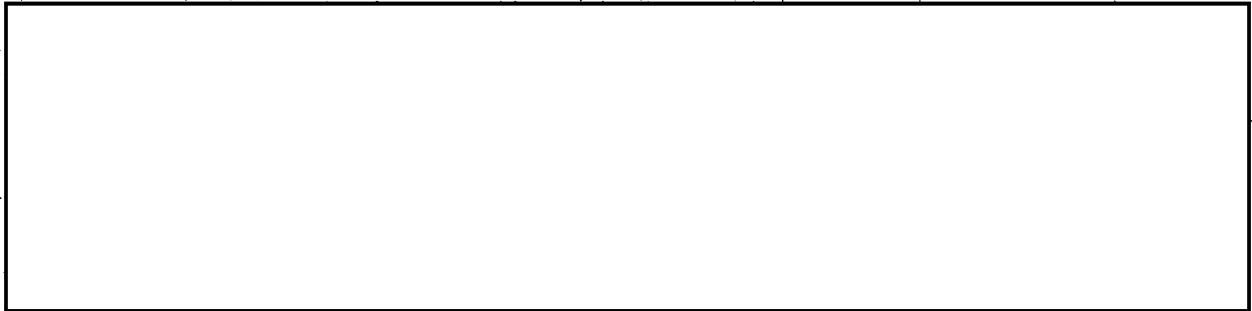
THE SPRINGFIELD DIVISION

AT ROCK ISLAND, ILLINOIS

Will follow leads as set out in referenced reports.

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REFERENCES: Springfield teletypes to Bureau, Omaha and Minneapolis, dated March 3, 1951.  
Omaha teletypes to Bureau, Minneapolis and Springfield, March 4, 8, 10, 15, 26, 27, 1951.  
Minneapolis teletype to Bureau, Springfield and Omaha, March 4, 1951.  
Bureau teletype to Minneapolis and Springfield, March 5, 1951.  
Report of Special Agent [redacted], Minneapolis, March 22, 1951.  
Report of Special Agent [redacted], Omaha, April 5, 1951.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **OMAHA**

FILE NO. **SL 71-213**

REPORT MADE AT <b>ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>5-1-51</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>4-17, 28-51</b>	REPORT MADE BY <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 1.2em; display: inline-block;"></div> <b>maf</b>
TITLE <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; Slot Machines, Private Clubs, Davenport, Iowa. Purchase and Interstate Transportation to St. Paul, Minnesota.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF GAMBLING DEVICES</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

The records of AGO, DPRB, Dept. of the Army, St. Louis, Mo., indicate  ASN  in U. S. Army **5-12-42 to 12-8-45**. Honorably discharged as PFC by reason of demobilization - dependency. He lost two days under Article of War 107 for being AWOL. No photograph of  located in file. Prior service U. S. Navy Reserve 8-29-40 to 12-26-40. Born

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**DETAILS:**

**AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI:**

A review of the Army service record on file at the Adjutant General's Office, Demobilized Personnel Records Branch, World War II Unit, Department of the Army, for , Army Serial Number  indicates that he enlisted in the United States Army on May 12, 1942 and entered on active duty on October 28, 1942 at Minneapolis, Minnesota. He was honorably discharged on December 8, 1945 as a private first class from the 1st American Air Force Base Unit, at Andrews Field, Washington, D. C., by reason of demobilization - dependency. His military occupation was listed as duty noncommissioned officer and civilian occupation as . He served no time in foreign service, and participated in no battles or campaigns. He was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, World War II Victory Medal, and the American Theater Service Ribbon. His character and efficiency ratings ranged from unknown to excellent. There is no record of courts-martial. He lost two days under Article of War 107 for being AWOL. He had prior service in the United States Navy Reserve from August 29, 1940 to December 26, 1940, and was discharged as apprentice seaman V-7 program by reason of special order, Bureau of Navigation 1657 - HR November 28, 1940.

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[redacted] was eliminated from pilot training on June 16, 1943 because of failure in flying and recommended by the Faculty Board, Chicago Army Air Field, for further air crew training in navigation or bombardiering. On August 23, 1943 [redacted] was eliminated from further air crew training because of failure to meet the prescribed physical and educational requirements. As recommendation for aviation cadet training [redacted] obtained favorable letters from the following:

[redacted], St. Paul, Minnesota.  
[redacted] commissioner of public works, St. Paul, Minnesota.  
[redacted] District Court, second district, St. Paul, Minnesota.

All letters were dated April, 1942. No photograph of [redacted] could be located in his file. The following background and descriptive information is contained in the record:

Date and place of birth  
Height  
Weight  
Race  
Hair  
Eyes  
Build  
Education  
Marital status

Addresses  
Employments  
Relatives



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Information copies of instant report are designated for the Chicago, Minneapolis, and Springfield offices in view of their interest and investigations pending there.

REFERENCE:

Report by [REDACTED], SA dated 3-22-51 at  
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **OMAHA**

FILE NO. **71-247**

REPORT MADE AT <b>WASHINGTON, D. C.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>5/1/51</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>4/20, 25, 30/51</b>	REPORT MADE BY <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 1.2em; display: inline-block;"></div> <b>SFE:GLB</b>
TITLE <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; Slot Machines, Private Clubs, Davenport, Iowa, Purchase and Interstate Transportation to St. Paul, Minnesota.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF GAMBLING DEVICES</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

No record of affiliation with Office of Civil Defense and Civil Aeronautics Administration, Washington, D. C., re

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**DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.**

, Employment Record Section, National Archives, advised that her record section normally maintained a file on persons who were formerly employed by the Civil Aeronautics Administration during World War II. She stated, however, that a search of these files failed to disclose any record of .

, War Records Section, National Archives, advised that his section normally maintained files on persons who were employed in the Office of Civil Defense during World War II, however, he stated that a search of the records disclosed no record of employment re .

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[REDACTED] Personnel Records Division, Civil Aeronautics Administration, advised that a search of the above files failed to reflect any record regarding [REDACTED] located in Washington, D. C. However, he suggested that if [REDACTED] was employed in the midwestern area, his employment personnel file would be located at the third Regional Headquarters, Civil Aeronautics Administration, Chicago International Airport, Park Ridge, Illinois.

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CHICAGO DIVISION:

AT PARK RIDGE, ILLINOIS:

Will contact the Third Regional Headquarters, Civil Aeronautics Administration at the Chicago International Airport for any information they may have regarding [REDACTED], and obtain photographs if available.

Will also furnish copies of that report to the Minneapolis and Springfield Offices.

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REFERENCES: Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated March 22, 1951, at Minneapolis.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 5-2-51

FROM : SAC, Omaha

SUBJECT: [REDACTED], wa; etal  
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Reference is made to report of SA [REDACTED], dated 4-5-51, at Omaha, Nebraska, Omaha teletype, date 3-27-51, Omaha letter to Director, dated 3-28-51.

For the information of the Minneapolis and Springfield Offices, the confidential source mentioned in reftel, was [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] identity should be held as being strictly confidential, and no reference to his name should be made in Investigative Reports.

On 3-27-51, it was ascertained from [REDACTED] that the Exalted Ruler - Elect. of the Davenport Elks Club, was [REDACTED] an [REDACTED] at Davenport, Iowa, who was to be installed on 4-3-51. [REDACTED] advised that he felt obligated to [REDACTED] to confidentially indicate to him the nature of the F.B.I.'s interests and responsibilities in connection with the enforcement of the Federal Statute relating to the Interstate Transportation of Gambling Devices, specifically slot machines, and also indicated at that time he was going to suggest to [REDACTED] that he cooperate fully with the F.B.I. in instant matter.

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[REDACTED] was originally contacted at the suggestion of [REDACTED] on 3-28-51, at which time [REDACTED] was apprised as to the interest and responsibilities and jurisdiction of the Bureau in connection with the Federal Statutes relating to the Interstate Transportation of Gambling Devices, specifically slot machines. At that time, [REDACTED] was also advised that [REDACTED] had suggested that he, [REDACTED], be contacted with reference to the possible sale for interstate transportation of the 38 slot machines owned by the Davenport, Iowa, Elks Club, and stored in the basement vault of the building owned by the Elks Club and located immediately adjacent thereto.

On that occasion [REDACTED] advised that he was a great admirer of the Bureau and would immediately advise the Omaha Office in

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the event that he was contacted by anyone with reference to the possible purchase or other disposition of said machines. He requested that his identity as an informant be very carefully shielded, together with any information from which his identity as an informant might be inferred.

[ ] has subsequently been contacted on four occasions, the last two being on 4-16-51 and 4-28-51, respectively. On the occasion of each of said contacts, [ ] advised that neither he nor any other of the official personnel of the Elks Club, Davenport, Iowa, have been contacted by anyone indicating any desire to purchase instant slot machines and that due to the lapse of time since [ ] was originally contacted by [ ] and [ ] on 3-1,2-51, he is inclined to believe that [ ] and the interests which [ ] may represent are no longer interested in acquiring said machines.

[ ] advised that any disposition of the machines would not require the consent of the general membership of the club, and he, [ ], and the Board of Trustees of the club, would be authorized to make such disposition as might seem advisable, without taking any other action.

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[ ] advises that it is pretty generally known throughout the membership of the Elks Club at Davenport, which consists of several hundred persons, that instant machines are on hand. Several of the membership of the club have indicated a very definite desire, which he personally shares, that the machines be dumped into the river or otherwise disposed of, in view of the fact that their continued possession by the club constitutes a violation of the recently enacted "Minnesota Law", in Iowa, which, if enforced against the club, would not only result in considerable serious embarrassment to the club and its officers, but also, might result in considerable financial loss to the organization, in view of the fact that the club is the owner of the premises wherein the slot machines are stored and might therefore, suffer loss of all city, county and state licenses and permits in the event of local police or state action against the club for the mere possession of the machines. [ ] went on to state, that in his opinion, it would be only a matter of time until the membership of the club compels the officers to take some sort of action to junk the machines to eliminate the possibility of local prosecution.

[ ] said that some of the members of the club had informally indicated that it would be a good thing to remove the machines from the premises owned by the Elks Club, and place them in storage somewhere in Illinois, in order to obviate the possibility of prosecution under the Iowa Statutes. He also said that some of the

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members, acting informally, had gone so far as to make tentative arrangements for storage of the machines in Moline, Ill. He advised, however, that the club would not attempt to remove the machines from their present location, particularly for the purpose of transportation thereof, to Illinois, for storage because he and the Board of Trustees were aware that this would constitute a violation of a Federal Statute.

[ ] on 4-28-51, advised that the 38 machines are still located in the vault above mentioned, and again reassured he would immediately advise in the event of any activity or inquiry whatsoever, relating to the possible disposition of the machines, whether same be in the nature of a proposed sale, junking, or in any other manner.

Also, on the latter occasion, [ ] advised that after giving the matter considerable thought and consideration, he felt that he would not care to undertake the full personal responsibility of his cooperation with the Bureau and he would deem it advisable to confidentially apprise the various members of the Board of Trustees of the Davenport Elks Club, of the fact that he was cooperating with the F.B.I., in advance of making any sale or other disposition of the machines.

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No information has been received from other confidential sources at Davenport, Iowa, which would indicate any further activity on the part of [ ] or other subjects of this case in the Davenport, Iowa, area.

Inasmuch as it has now been approximately sixty days since the Davenport Elks Club was originally contacted by [ ] for their machines, it is believed logical that the passing of time has rendered it less likely that [ ] or the interests which he represents will attempt to consummate the purchase thereof.

Reference is made to the signed statement of [ ]

[ ] set forth in pages 16-19 inclusive of rerep. It will be noted that [ ] did not furnish any information which would indicate the ultimate destination of the machines purchased from the Davenport American Legion Post, but he has positively identified [ ] as the purchaser thereof, which would tend to indicate that same were purchased by [ ] for transportation to an unknown point somewhere beyond the limits of the State of Illinois.

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It is believed that there is a possibility that a violation could be established in connection with this latter matter provided that

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the Springfield Office in conducting the leads appended to rerep, is able to develop information concerning the identity of the driver of the truck which picked up the machines at Rock Island, Illinois, [REDACTED].

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Accordingly, in view of the seemingly diminishing prospects of developing a violation on the basis of the slot machines still being retained by the Davenport Elks Club, it is suggested that the Springfield Office cover the leads set forth in rerep without further delay.

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AND INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION TO ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA, ITGD. CON-  
FIDENTIAL INFORMANT, DAVENPORT, IOWA, WHOSE IDENTITY FURNISHED TO  
BUREAU IN OMAHA TEL EIGHT FORTYEIGHT PM, FIFTH INSTANT, TONIGHT  
ADVISED THAT INFO RECEIVED IN DAVENPORT TONIGHT BY TELEPHONE FROM  
QUOTE UP NORTH UNQUOTE PRESUMABLY ST. PAUL THAT DEAL ON MACHINES  
DEFINITELY OFF FOR TONIGHT AND THAT THEY WOULD NOT BE MOVING THEM  
SOON. INFORMANT NOT IN POSSESSION OF DETAILS BUT INDICATED [REDACTED]  
HAD BECOME SUSPICIOUS AND CALLED THE DEAL OFF. IN VIEW OF THIS  
DEVELOPMENT AND SINCE CHECK ON [REDACTED] ACTIVITIES AT DAVENPORT  
HAS NOT BEEN PRODUCTIVE, SURVEILLANCE THERE BEING DISCONTINUED.

[REDACTED] HAS NOT APPEARED AT DAVENPORT TONIGHT. COVERAGE AT BLACK-  
HAWK HOTEL BEING CONTINUED. CONTACT [REDACTED] BEING MAINTAINED WITH THE

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cc: [REDACTED]

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INFORMANT WHO STATES CAN POSSIBLY DEVELOP INFORMATION AS TO LOCATION OF ANY MACHINES ALREADY ARRANGED FOR BY THIS GROUP WHICH MAY PRESENTLY BE STORED IN DAVENPORT AREA. MINNEAPOLIS REQUESTED TO IMMEDIATELY CONTACT CONFIDENTIAL SOURCES CONCERNING LONG DISTANCE CALLS FROM MINNEAPOLIS OR ST. PAUL BY [REDACTED] OR ASSOCIATES TO DAVENPORT, DES MOINES, OR LE CLAIRE, IOWA DURING AFTERNOON AND EVENING MARCH FIVE IN EFFORT TO IDENTIFY PERSONS CONTACTED. MP SUTEL EARLY AS POSSIBLE SIXTH INSTANT. CHICAGO DISCONTINUE.

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UNSUB, SLOT MACHINES, PRIVATE CLUBS, DAVENPORT, IOWA. PURCHASE AND  
INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION TO ST. PAUL, MINN., ITGD. INDIVIDUAL  
APPARENTLY [ ] LEFT RESIDENCE IN [ ] THIS  
MORNING IN CHEVROLET PANEL TRUCK AND DROVE TO THE MAYFLOWER AND PASTER  
DISTRIBUTING COMPANY IN ST. PAUL. HE DID NOT LEAVE ON EIGHT AM OR  
FOUR PM ZEPHYR TRAINS TODAY. [ ] HAS GIVEN INDICATION OF BECOMING  
SURVEILLANCE CONSCIOUS SO SAME WAS DISCONTINUED THIS AFTERNOON.  
BUREAU AND OMAHA WILL BE KEPT ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS.

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Mr. Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Rm. \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION TO ST. PAUL, ITGD. RE OMAHA AND  
MINNEAPOLIS TELETYPES DATED MARCH FOUR, FIFTYONE. CHICAGO OFFICE  
HAS BEEN FURNISHED COMPLETE INFORMATION DEVELOPMENTS THIS CASE TO  
DATE IN VIEW OF FACT SAVANNA, ILL. IN CHICAGO TERRITORY. SUGGEST  
CHICAGO BE INCLUDED IN FUTURE COMMUNICATIONS CONCERNING THIS CASE.  
MINNEAPOLIS AND OMAHA ADVISED.

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INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION TO ST. PAUL, MINN., ITGD. RE OMAHA TEL

MARCH FOURTH ONE NAUGHT FIVE PM RE [REDACTED]. [REDACTED]

RESIDES AT [REDACTED]

SUBURB OF MINNEAPOLIS, PHONE [REDACTED].

CASE

ENTITLED [REDACTED], AFA, OMAHA ORIGIN, REFLECTS IN DECEMBER

NINETEEN FORTYNINE, AGENTS THIS OFFICE INTERVIEWED HERMAN PASTER AND

ALLEN I. NILVA, PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT OF PASTER DISTRIBUTING

COMPANY AND MAYFLOWER DISTRIBUTING COMPANY, DISTRIBUTORS OF WURLITZER

PHONOGRAPHS AND COIN OPERATED MACHINES, WITH OFFICES AT TWO TWO ONE

EIGHT UNIVERSITY AVENUE, ST. PAUL. ALLEN NILVA THEN STATED THAT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND AT THAT TIME [REDACTED] WAS CONFINED

TO MILLER HOSPITAL IN ST. PAUL. ALSO THAT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] PASTER DISTRIBUTING COMPANY-S BRANCH OFFICE AT DES MOINES,

IOWA, WHICH OFFICE HAS BEEN CLOSED. THAT FILE CONTAINS OTHER DATA RE

PASTER AND MAYFLOWER DISTRIBUTING COMPANYS. BOTH HERMAN PASTER AND

SAM TARAN WERE ALSO MENTIONED IN CASE ENTITLED SAM TARRAN, WAS. HERMAN

PASTER, WAS. ITOLT, MILWAUKEE ORIGIN, COPIES OF WHICH REPORTS IN

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POSSESSION OMAHA. TARAN PERMANENTLY RESIDING IN FLORIDA NOW.

NINETEEN FORTYNINE ST. PAUL CITY DIRECTORY LISTS [REDACTED],

[REDACTED] AS BEING [REDACTED] MAYFLOWER DISTRIBUTING COMPANY AND  
RESIDING IN [REDACTED]. ST. PAUL PIONEER PRESS FOR JUNE EIGHT,  
NINETEEN FORTYEIGHT, REFERS TO FUNERAL SERVICES BEING HELD FOR JAKE  
HENRY NILVA WHO IN NINETEEN FORTYTWO WAS PRESIDENT OF UTILITY FINANCE  
COMPANY IN ST. PAUL. ARTICLE STATES HE IS SURVIVED BY PARENTS MR. AND  
MRS. LOUIS NILVA, TWO BROTHERS ALLEN OF ST. PAUL AND SAM OF DES MOINES,  
TWO SISTERS MRS. MANLEY FRISCHH AND MRS. CELIA PASTER OF ST. PAUL.

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[REDACTED]  
FORMERLY CONNECTED WITH ATTORNEY GENERAL-S OFFICE FOR STATE OF MINNESOTA.  
PASTER AND ABOVE COMPANYS REFERRED TO IN NUMEROUS OTHER FILES THIS  
OFFICE, INCLUDING [REDACTED] CASE. FROM INFORMATION FURNISHED THERE IS  
POSSIBILITY [REDACTED] IS PURCHASING THESE MACHINES FOR PASTER  
AND MAYFLOWER DISTRIBUTING COMPANYS. THIS OFFICE HAS NO OTHER REFER-  
ENCES OR RECORD RELATING TO [REDACTED]. OMAHA SHOULD BEAR IN  
MIND HE POSSIBLY MAY HAVE CRIMINAL RECORD IN DES MOINES. SURVEILLANCE  
OF [REDACTED] THIS AFTERNOON REFLECTS PASSENGER  
CAR IN DRIVEWAY COMPLETELY COVERED WITH SNOW AND IN FRONT WAS NINETEEN

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FIFTY BLUE GRAY CHEVROLET PANEL TRUCK BEARING FIFTYONE MINNESOTA  
LICENSE Y NINE FIVE THREE TWO EIGHT. MOTOR VEHICLE RECORDS REFLECT  
ABOVE TRUCK REGISTERED TO MAYFLOWER DISTRIBUTING COMPANY, TWO TWO ONE  
EIGHT UNIVERSITY AVENUE, ST. PAUL, AND HAS SERIAL NO. TWO ONE HJC NINE  
FIVE FOUR FOUR. BUREAU REQUESTED CHECK INDICES IDENTIFICATION DIVISION  
FOR [REDACTED] WHOSE DESCRIPTION SET FORTH IN OMAHA TEL ONE NAUGHT  
FIVE PM TODAY AND SUTEL MINNEAPOLIS AND OMAHA ANY RECORD AND IF PHOTO  
AVAILABLE FORWARD SAME AMSD. ARRANGEMENTS BEING MADE TO HAVE SURVEIL-  
LANCE PLACED ON [REDACTED] RESIDENCE TONITE AND IN MORNING TO SEE IF HE  
LEAVES MINNEAPOLIS AT TEN NAUGHT FIVE TONITE OR EIGHT AM TOMORROW  
ZEPHYR FOR SAVANNA, ILLINOIS, AND IF SO AGENT WILL RIDE TRAIN AND OMAHA  
WILL BE TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED. NO OPEN INQUIRIES BEING MADE HERE IN  
VIEW OF KNOWN BACKGROUND OF INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED, AND NOT KNOWN YET IF  
[REDACTED] AT HOME. OMAHA ADVISED SEPARATELY.

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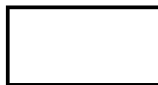
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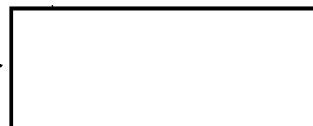
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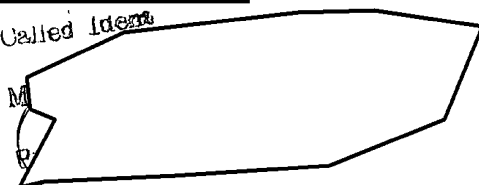
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AND INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION TO ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA, ITGD.

REMYTEL MARCH EIGHT LAST. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT AT DAVENPORT,  
IOWA PREVIOUSLY IDENTIFIED ADVISES THAT HIS SOURCE HAS FURNISHED  
THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION.

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[REDACTED] DAVENPORT, IOWA, IS OPERATING A JUKE  
BOX ROUTE FOR THE PASTER INTERESTS AT DAVENPORT AND MAY HAVE  
NOMINAL PERSONAL INTEREST IN SAME BUT IS IN ARREARS WITH HIS  
REMITTANCES TO THE PASTER INTERESTS AND MAY BE IN SEVERE  
FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES WITH THEM. ONE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ROCK ISLAND, ILLINOIS IS  
BUYING A JUKE BOX ROUTE FROM THE PASTER INTERESTS FOR FORTY  
THOUSAND DOLLARS AND IS ALSO REPORTEDLY IN ARREARS WITH HIS  
REMITTANCES, ALSO THAT [REDACTED] PRESENCE AT DAVENPORT ON MARCH  
SEVEN AND EIGHT LAST CAN PROBABLY BE CONSIDERED AS BEING A COLLECTION  
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[ ] RATHER THAN IN CONNECTION WITH INSTANT MATTER. [ ]

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IS EXPECTED TO RETURN TO DAVENPORT SOMETIME NEXT WEEK FOR A SIMILAR  
PURPOSE AND INDICATED TO INFORMANT [ ] SOURCE THAT BECAUSE OF AN  
UNKNOWN OCCURRENCE IN ST. PAUL OR MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA MARCH  
FIVE LAST WHICH AROUSE HIS SUSPICION THAT THE MINNESOTA DASH  
IOWA BORDER MIGHT BE UNDER SCRUTINY FOR TRANSPORTATION OF SLOTS.  
HE INDICATES THE FURTHER PURCHASE AND TRANSPORTATION THEREOF FROM THE  
DAVENPORT AREA WILL BE DEFERRED FOR AT LEAST TWO OR THREE WEEKS. THE  
LARGE QUANTITY OF MACHINES PREVIOUSLY LISTED AS HAVE<sup>ING</sup> RECENTLY  
BEEN SEEN ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE PASTER DISTRIBUTING COMPANY  
WAREHOUSE IN ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA HAVE VERY RECENTLY BEEN MOVED TO  
ANOTHER UNKNOWN LOCATION, PRESUMABLY IN ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA AND  
POSSIBLY TO THE BUILDING ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE PASTER COMPANY  
WHICH IS OCCUPIED BY FULLER BRUSH COMPANY AND SERVEL ELECTROLUX  
COMPANY WHICH BUILDING IS ALSO PRESUMABLY OWNED BY THE PASTER  
INTERESTS. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT ADVISES THAT HE BELIEVED HE  
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MAY BE FURTHER NOTIFIED CONCERNING INSTANT MATTER AND MAY ALSO BE IN POSITION TO OBTAIN SOME ADVANCE INFORMATION RE ANY PROPOSED MOVEMENT OF SLOTS FROM DAVENPORT AREA BY THE PASTER INTERESTS BUT THAT HE CAN NOT BE CERTAIN OF THIS. HE HAS BEEN UNABLE TO ASCERTAIN THE POSSIBLE EXISTENCE OR LOCATION OF ANY CACHE OF SLOTS IN OR AROUND DAVENPORT WHICH MIGHT BE AWAITING TRANSPORTATION TO MINNESOTA. HE ALSO ADI0SES THAT THE ONLY SLOTS STILL REMAINING IN DAVENPORT ARE A FEW OWNED BY THE DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS WHICH HAVE BEEN BROKEN DOWN AND THEIR VARIOUS COMPONENT PARTS SCATTERED AMOUNG TRUSTED MEMBERSHIP OF THE CLUB FOR CONCEALMENT IN THEIR HOMES. INFORMANT SAYS THAT IT IS POSSIBLE THAT ANY SLOTS IN THE DAVENPORT AREA DESTINED FOR PURCHASE AND TRANSPORTATION BY THE PASTER INTERESTS MAY HAVE BEEN BROKEN DOWN AND CONCEALED IN THIS MANNER. SURVEILLANCE OF [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] CONDUCTED YESTERDAY WITHOUT PERTINENT RESULTS AND SURVEILLANCES ARE BEING DISCONTINUED. FURTHER DISCREET INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED IN DAVENPORT AREA IN INSTANT MATTER.

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NO INFORMATION HAS BEEN DEVELOPED WHICH INDICATES ANY RECENT  
PERTINENT ACTIVITY OR THAT INTERSTATE SHIPMENT OF SLOTS IS TO BE  
ATTEMPTED FROM THE DAVENPORT AREA OTHER THAN THAT CONTAINED IN  
PREVIOUS TELETYPES IN INSTANT MATTER.



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There is attached a copy of the Department's request that copies of reports in the captioned case be furnished to several U.S. Attorneys. Referenced tel instructed that copies of reports in this case be forwarded to U.S. Attorneys in the Omaha, Springfield, and Minneapolis Divisions. Copies of these reports if available should also be forwarded to the Chicago Division in order that they may be furnished to the U.S. Attorney at Chicago.

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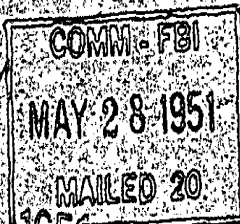
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TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

FROM : James M. McInerney, Assistant Attorney General  
Criminal Division

SUBJECT : [redacted] was, et al  
Interstate Transportation of Gambling Devices

DATE: May 15, 1951

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Mr. Glavin	.....
Mr. Nichols	.....
Mr. Rosen	.....
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Reference is made to your memoranda of April 26, 1951, captioned as above, enclosing a copy of the investigative reports prepared by Special Agent [redacted] at Omaha, Nebraska, dated April 5, 1951; Special Agent [redacted] at Baltimore, Maryland, dated April 7, 1951, and Special Agent [redacted] at Minneapolis, dated March 22, 1951.

It is suggested that you request your appropriate Division Officer to forward a copy of these reports and all subsequent reports relating to this matter to United States Attorneys Joseph T. Votava, Omaha, Nebraska; Clarence U. Landrum, St. Paul, Minnesota, and Otto Kerner, Jr., Chicago, Illinois.

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Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_

UNSUBS, SLOT MACHINES, PRIVATE CLUBS, DAVENPORT, IOWA. PURCHASE  
AND INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION TO ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA, ITGD. RE  
OURTEL MARCH FIVE INSTANT. [REDACTED] ARRIVED DAVENPORT,

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IOWA VIA BUS FROM FORT MADISON, IOWA EARLY YESTERDAY EVENING FOL-  
LOWING WHICH HE TWICE UNSUCCESSFULLY ATTEMPTED TO CONTACT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], DAVENPORT, IOWA, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] OF DAVENPORT. DURING REMAINDER

OF LAST NIGHT [REDACTED] VISITED VARIOUS BARS HAVING VOLUNTEERED TO

HOTEL CLERK THAT HE HAD NOTHING TO DO FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE

EVENING. THIS MORNING [REDACTED] TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED [REDACTED]

ALSO FOUR OTHER PERSONS KNOWN TO HAVE PREVIOUSLY BEEN IDENTIFIED

WITH OPERATION OF SLOTS OR COIN OPERATED MACHINES. HE ALSO PLACED

A LONG DISTANCE CALL TO MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA, NUMBER [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], NAME OF EXCHANGE UNAVAILABLE. AT APPROXIMATELY NINE

THIRTY AM TODAY [REDACTED] CALLED AT [REDACTED] HOTEL ROOM FOLLOWING

WHICH [REDACTED] CHECKED OUT AND WAS DRIVEN BY [REDACTED] TO SAVANNA,

ILLINOIS WHERE AT TEN FIFTYTWO AM HE BOARDED BURLINGTON RAILROAD

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ZEPHYR SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA THREE THIRTY PM TODAY. NEITHER [ ] OR [ ] APPEARED TO BE SURVEILLANCE CONSCIOUS. CREDIT RECORDS REFLECT [ ] IN POOR FINANCIAL CONDITION AND HEAVILY INDEBTED HAVING RATHER RECENTLY BEEN DISCHARGED BY THE CONTINENTAL BAKING COMPANY OF DAVENPORT FOR CONVERSION OF EMPLOYERS FUNDS BUT NO PROSECUTION. NOT KNOWN IF [ ] APPEARANCE AT DAVENPORT IS RELATED TO MOVEMENT OF INSTANT SLOTS BUT BELIEVED THAT IS POSSIBLE THAT HE AND [ ] MAY HAVE MADE ARRANGEMENTS FOR TRANSPORTATION OF SAME. SURVEILLANCE OF [ ] BEING MAINTAINED. DAVENPORT INFORMANT PREVIOUSLY CONTACTED EXPECTS TO HAVE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RE OPERATION OF PASTER INTERESTS IN DAVENPORT AREA AND WILL BE RECONTACTED TONIGHT OR TOMORROW. MINNEAPOLIS ADVISED OF [ ] MOVEMENTS.

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IN SIGNED STATEMENT TODAY, ADVISED THAT ON FEBRUARY TWENTYEIGHTH OR MARCH ONE LAST, HE WAS APPROACHEE BY [REDACTED] WHOM HE KNOWS, AND INTRODUCED TO ONE [REDACTED] LNU, WHO APPEARS TO BE IDENTICAL WITH ONE [REDACTED], ON BASIS OF COMPARITIVE DESCRIPTION. [REDACTED] OFFERED TO BUY TWENTY EIGHT SLOTS OWNED BY SAID POST AT THIRTYFIVE DOLLARS EACH. ON FOLLOWING MORNING, AFTER GETTING APPROVAL OF POST OFFICERS, [REDACTED] SOLD THE SLOTS TO [REDACTED] AND RECEIVED NINE HUNDRED EIGHTY DOLLARS IN CASH AT ROCK ISLAND, ILLINOIS. [REDACTED] SAYS THAT THE ABOVE SLOTS WERE REMOVED FROM THE POST-S CLUB ROOMS, DAVENPORT, IOWA, DURING OCTOBER, FORTYNINE, AS A RESULT OF A PRONOUNCEMENT OF A STATEWIDE CRACKDOWN ON GAMBLING AT THAT TIME BY IOWA ATTORNEY GENERAL ROBERT LARSON AND IMMEDIATELY TAKEN TO THE VOSS BROTHERS WAREHOUSE, TWO ONE TWO FIVE THIRD AVENUE, ROCK ISLAND, ILLINOIS, WHERE THEY REMAINED CONTINUOUSLY IN STORAGE UNTIL IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING CONSUMMATION OF ABOVE SALE TO [REDACTED] ON MARCH FIRST OR SECOND LAST AT APPROXIMATELY NINE A. M. AT WHICH TIME THEY WERE, IN [REDACTED] PRESENCE, LOADED FROM THE DOCKS OF SAID

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WAREHOUSE INTO A TRUCK BY [ ] AND AN UNIDENTIFIED TRUCK DRIVER, APPARENTLY WORKING FOR [ ]. TRUCK WAS RED IN COLOR AND A STRAIGHT MODEL AS DISTINGUISHED FROM SEMI-TRAILER TYPE. NO OTHER DESCRIPTIVE DETAILS RE TRUCK AVAILABLE, AS [ ] PAID LITTLE ATTENTION TO SAME. DURING THE LOADING PROCESS, [ ] INDICATED THAT THE TRUCK WOULD MAKE ANOTHER STOP IN ROCK ISLAND, ILLINOIS TO PICK UP AN ADDITIONAL LOAD OF SLOTS AND WOULD THEN IMMEDIATELY, ON SAME MORNING, TRANSPORT THE SLOTS TO AN UNDISCLOSED DESTINATION, PRESUMED BY [ ] TO BE AT SOME DISTANCE FROM THE TRI-CITIES. AT SAME TIME [ ] INDICATED THAT HE WOULD HAVE TO HAVE PURCHASED AT LEAST SEVENTY SLOTS TO MAKE THE SHIPMENT WORTH WHILE. ACCORDING TO [ ], [ ] APPARENTLY TOOK NO PART IN ABOVE TRANSACTION OTHER THAN TO ACT AS AN ACCOMMODATION AGENT OF [ ] IN INTRODUCING [ ] TO HIM, [ ] APPARENTLY BEING A STRANGER IN TRI-CITY AREA. DRIVER OF TRUCK DESCRIBED AS MIDDLE AGED, WHITE, SLIGHTLY LESS THAN AVERAGE HEIGHT, AVERAGE BUILD, AND WORE LABORER-S CLOTHING. ABOVE MACHINES WERE ALL MANUFACTURED BY MILLS NOVELTY CO., CHICAGO, ILL., AND WERE APPROXIMATELY EQUALLY DIVIDED AS TO NICKEL, DIME, AND QUARTER MACHINES. [ ] IS ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN MORE SPECIFIC

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[REDACTED] HE  
APPEARS TO BE FULLY COOPERATIVE AND SHOULD BE REGARDED AS A CONFIDENTIAL  
INFORMANT. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SPRINGFIELD REQUESTED TO CONDUCT  
APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION AT VOSS BROTHERS WAREHOUSE TO VERIFY DATA RE  
DATES OF STORAGE AND RELEASE OF ABOVE SLOTS, ALSO FOR AVAILABLE INFO.  
CONCERNING THE LOADING THEREOF, ABOVE MENTIONED, IT BEING NOTED THAT

[REDACTED] ADVISES THAT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WILL, ALSO, AT ROCK  
ISLAND, ILL., DISCREETLY ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN THE STORAGE POINT OF THE  
OTHER LOAD OF SLOTS MENTIONED BY [REDACTED] AND FROM WHICH POINT HE STATES

[REDACTED] MINNEAPOLIS  
WILL ATTEMPT TO ASCERTAIN THE DISPOSITION OF ANY TRUCKS OWNED OR  
CONTROLLED BY THE PASTER INTERESTS WHICH COULD BE IDENTICAL WITH THAT  
ABOVE MENTIONED, ALSO TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO EXPEDITIOUSLY OBTAIN PHOTO  
OF [REDACTED] FOR EXHIBITION TO INFORMANTS AT DAVENPORT, IOWA AND  
ROCK ISLAND, ILL. INVESTIGATION AT DAVENPORT, IOWA CONTINUES.

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UNSUBS, SLOT MACHINES, PRIVATE CLUBS, DAVENPORT, IOWA. PURCHASE AND INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION TO ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA, ITGD. RE BUREAU PHONE CALL TODAY. INVESTIGATION DAVENPORT AND LE CLAIRE, IOWA, TODAY HAS ESTABLISHED PRESENCE AT HOME OF [REDACTED] OF A PICKUP TRUCK WHICH IS PROPERTY OF P & S DISTRIBUTING COMPANY, DES MOINES, IOWA. THIS COMPANY IS A PART OF THE PASTER INTERESTS AND WAS FORMED ABOUT ONE YEAR AGO WHEN PASTER ASSUMED THE OPERATIONS OF ONE [REDACTED] A JUKE BOX OPERATOR IN DES MOINES. NO OTHER SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY OBSERVED ON THE PART OF [REDACTED]. INFORMANT REFERRED TO IN OMAHA TELETYPE OF FOURTH INSTANT IS [REDACTED].

PREVIOUS INQUIRY HAS ESTABLISHED [REDACTED] AS BEING CONSIDERED ENTIRELY RELIABLE ALTHOUGH NOT USED IN PREVIOUS BUREAU CASES. CONTACT WITH [REDACTED] WAS ON BASIS OF RECENT NEWSPAPER ARTICLE REPORTING RUMORS IN DAVENPORT TO THE EFFECT THAT CERTAIN ST. PAUL INTERESTS WERE ATTEMPTING TO PURCHASE SLOT MACHINES IN THAT LOCALITY. [REDACTED] IS ALSO

[REDACTED] DAVENPORT AND, AS PREVIOUSLY INDICATED,

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HE HAS DECLINED TO IDENTIFY HIS SOURCE OF INFORMATION. BELIEVED  
POSSIBLE [ ] SOURCE MAY BE [ ]

[ ] WHO IS MENTIONED IN SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE THIRD INSTANT. [ ]

STATES NAVY CLUB HAS NOT HAD SLOT MACHINES FOR SEVERAL MONTHS.

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[ ] DAVENPORT, FORMERLY CARRIED AS CI BY DES MOINES

OFFICE TODAY ADVISED THE AMERICAN LEGION CLUB AT DAVENPORT STILL  
OWNS ITS SLOT MACHINES WHICH ARE STORED IN ROCK ISLAND, ILLINOIS.

HE IS MAKING DISCREET INQUIRY AND BELIEVES HE CAN ESTABLISH LOCATION  
OF STORAGE POINT. ARRANGEMENTS IN EFFECT FOR THIS OFFICE TO BE

NOTIFIED OF [ ] ARRIVAL AT BLACKHAWK HOTEL, DAVENPORT TO  
CLAIM RESERVATION. SURVEILLANCE OF [ ] BEING CONTINUED.

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UNSUB <sup>(e)</sup> SLOT MACHINES, PRIVATE CLUBS, DAVENPORT, IOWA. PURCHASE AND INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION TO ST. PAUL, MINN., ITGD. REF SPRINGFIELD TELS YESTERDAY. A RELIABLE INFORMANT AT DAVENPORT, IOWA HAS FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] OF PASTER DISTRIBUTING CO. OF ST PAUL, MINN. VISITED DAVENPORT, IOWA ON MARCH ONE AND TWO LAST TO BUY SLOT MACHINES FOR SAID CO. TO BE ULTIMENTLY TRANSPORTED TO MINN. HE AND HIS LOCAL CONTACT AT DAVENPORT, [REDACTED], ALLEGEDLY CONTACTED NUMEROUS PRIVATED CLUBS, KEY CLUBS, BARS, AND OTHER PRESUMED OWNERS OF SLOTS AND MADE PURCHASE ARRANGMENTS. [REDACTED] WAS KNOW TO HAVE BEEN CASHING NUMEROUS LARGE CHECKS ON NIGHT OF MARCH ONE LAST IN DAVENPORT, ALLEGEDLY TOTALING SEVENTEEN HUNDRED TO TWENTY ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS, THE FUNDS TO BE USED AS PAYMENTS FOR SLOTS PURCHASED. SAID CHECKS DRAWN ON FIRST NATL. BANK OF ST. PAUL, MINN. IDENTITY OF ACCOUNT ON WHICH DRAWN UNKNOWN

[REDACTED] KNOWN IN DAVENPORT AREA AS A GAMBLER WHO FOR SEVERAL YEARS UNTIL RECENTLY WAS THE AGENT OF THE MILLS NOVELITY CO. OF CHICAGO,

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ILL. IN SCOTT, CLINTON, CEDAR, AND MUSCATINE, ALL IOWA. INFT. SAYS THAT [ ] WILL NOT HANDLE LESS THAN SEVENTY MACHINES PER SHIPMENT AND THAT HE PRESUMABLY HAS MADE ARRAINGMENTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF THAT NUMBER IN THE DAVENPORT AREA AS HE HAS LEARNED THAT [ ] RETURNED TO MINNEAPOLIS OR ST. PAUL MARCH TWO LAST, BUT INTENDS TO RETURN TO DAVENPORT AREA MARCH FIVE NEXT TO MAKE SHIPPING ARRAINGMENTS AND WILL CONTACT [ ] ON THAT DATE. PRESENT LOCATION OF SLOTS ALLEGEDLY PURCHASED AND IDENTITY OF PERSONS SELLING THEM TO [ ] UNKNOWN AND CANNOT BE DISCREETLY ASCERTAINED. MACHINES PURCHASED BELIEVED TO HAVE COME FROM VARIOUS SOURCES IN EAST CENTRAL IOWA AND ROCK ISLAND CO. ILL. INFT. SAYS THAT THE ~~THE~~ HERMAN PASTER DISTRIBUTING CO. IS AN OLD ESTABLISHED b6  
b7C CONERN AND HANLES JUKEBOXES AND A WIDE VERIATY OF COIN OPERATED DEVICES ALSO THAT THE INTEREST WHICH OWNS THAT COM ALSO CONTROLS THE MAYFLOWER DISTRIBUTING AGENCY CO., THE PROGRESS FINANCE CO., THE FIRST FINANCE CO., AND PROBABLY OTHER INTERESTS AT ST. PAUL, MINN. HE ALSO SAYS THAT A SOURCE WHICH HE CANNOT REVEAL BUT WHICH IS POSSIBLY RELIABLE AND ACQUAINTED PERSONALLY WITH [ ] RECENTLY VISITED THE PASTER DISTRIBUTING CO. AT ST. PAUL, MINN. WHERE HE WAS SHOWN APPROX. THREE THOUSAND SLOTS IN THE WAREHOUSE OF THAT CO. AND WAS ADVISED BY [ ]

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THAT MANY OF THEM HAD BEEN ACQUIRED IN A MANNER SIMILAR TO THAT ABOVE DISCRIBED. THE SAME SOURCE HAS ADVISED INFT. THAT [ ] WILL NOT PAY MORE THAN FIFTY DOLLARS PER SLOT AND THAT A STRAIGHT TRUCK OF UNKNOWN NAME AND DESCRIPTION IS USED FOR TRANSPORTATION. THE SAME SOURCE ADVISE THAT THE SLOTS ALLEGED PURCHASED AROUND DAVENPORT WILL BE TAKEN TO AN UNKNOWN SMALL TOWN IN CENTRAL IOWA FOR STORAGE WITH OTHER SLOTS SIMILARLY OBTAINED AND LATER REMOVED TO MINN., A FEW MACHINES AT A TIME. [ ] REPORTEDLY HAS A GIRL FRIEND LIVING IN DAVENPORT IOWA OR ROCK ISLAND OR MOLINE ILL., IDENTITY UNKNOWN, AND HE IS BELIEVED CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH [ ] WHO LIVES IN DAVENPORT BUT [ ] [ ] ROCK ISLAND, ILL. INVESTIGATION AT BLACKHAWK HOTEL DAVENPORT, IOWA REFLECTS THAT [ ] WAS A GUEST THERE MARCH ONE AND TWO LAST. REGISTERED AS [ ] OF [ ] [ ] MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. AND REPRESENTING THE PASTOR DISTRIBUTING CO. HE CALLED MINNEAPOLIS PHONE [ ] [ ] ON MARCH ONE LAST. ON MARCH TWO LAST HE CALLED PASTOR PERSONALLY AT MILWAUKEE, WISC., BUT THE NUMBER CALLED IS ILLEGIABLE. SEVERAL LOCAL CALLS FROM HIS ROOM WERE FOUND TO BE TO CLUBS AND TAVERNS, RDAUIDVACHINE DEALERS OR OPERATORS FORMERLY KNOWN TO HAVE HAD SLOT MACHINES. HOTEL MANAGEMENT ADVISES [ ] HAS ROOM RESERVATION FOR MARCH FIVE NEXT. ABOVE INFT. ADVISES

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[ ] USUALLY COMES FROM TWIN CITIES TO DAVENPORT VIA BURLINGTON RR TO SAVANNA, ILL., THENCE TO DAVENPORT VIA BUS OR AUTO OF SOMEONE MEETING HIM AT SAVANNA. [ ] SAID TO FREQUENT FT. ARMSTRONG HOTEL, ROCK ISLAND, ILL., WHEN IN DAVENPORT AREA. SURVEILLANCE OF [ ] AND [ ] IS CONTEMPLATED. MINNEAPOLIS REQUESTED TO IDENTIFY [ ] AND FURNISH HIS DETAILED DISCRPTION IN CLUDING CLOTHING AND LUGGAGE ALSO ALL AVAILABLE INFORMATION RE HIS ~~IT~~ITINERARY AND TRAVEL ACOMMENDATIONS AND SUTEL TO REACH OMAHA TOMARROW MORNING IF POSSIBLE. BEST AVAILABLE DISCRPTION OF [ ] HERE IS [ ]

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[ ] INFT. AND OTHERS AT DAVENPORT ADVISE VERY FEW SLOTS REMAINING THERE DUE TO VIGEROUS AND CONTINUOUS STATE WIDE CRACK DOWN ON SLOTS IN IOWA SINCE OCT. THIRTY FORTYNINE, AND VERY STRICT PROVISIONS OF RECENT STATE LAW RE POSSESSION OF SLOTS, ALSO THAT IN THEIR OPINION MANY OF SLOTS PURCHASED ARE COMING FROM ROCK ISLAND, ILL. PD CHIEF AND SHERIFF AT DAVENPORT ADVISE THEY ARE UNAWARE OF ANY SLOTS IN DAVENPORT OR DEALINGS MENTIONED IN REFTELS AND STATE THAT IF THEY KNEW OF ANY SLOTS REMAINING IN DAVENPORT OR SCOTT CO. THEY WOULD MAKE IMMEDIATE ARRESTS ON BASIS OF MERE POSSESSION. INVESTIGATION CONTINUUES.

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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

No record of [redacted] at 3rd Regional Headquarters, C.A.A., O'Hare International Air Port, Park Ridge, Illinois.

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**DETAILS:**

**AT PARK RIDGE, ILLINOIS**

[redacted] Clerk, Third Regional Headquarters, C.A.A., O'Hare International Air Port, advised that she could locate no record of [redacted] as a past or present employee of the C.A.A. in the Third Region. [redacted] stated that had [redacted] at any time, ever been employed in that area a record would be maintained in their files.

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A copy of this report is being furnished the Minneapolis Office for their information in view of investigation presently being conducted in that area.

REFERENCES:

Report of SA [ ] dated May 1, 1951 at Washington, D.C. entitled "UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, Slot Machines, Private Clubs, Davenport, Iowa. Purchase and Interstate Transportation to St. Paul, Minnesota".

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UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF GAMBLING DEVICES.

THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY-S OFFICE, ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA, TODAY ADVISED THEY WERE IN RECEIPT OF A LETTER DATED MAY FIFTEEN, FIFTYONE, FROM [REDACTED], ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL, WHICH WAS

CAPTIONED QUOTE INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF SLOT MACHINES UNQUOTE AND WHICH STATED THAT A REQUEST HAD BEEN MADE BY HIM TO THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION TO FURNISH COPIES OF THE REPORT OF SA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], MINNEAPOLIS, DATED MARCH TWENTYSECOND, FIFTYONE, SA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], OMAHA, DATED APRIL FIVE, FIFTYONE, AND SA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], BALTIMORE, DATED APRIL SEVEN, FIFTYONE,

DID NOT MAKE ANY REFERENCE TO SUBJECTS IN INSTANT INVESTIGATION BUT

IT IS NOTED REPORTS REFERRED TO ARE ALL CONTAINED IN THIS INVESTIGATION.

THUS LETTER FURTHER REQUESTED THAT THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

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AT ST. PAUL SECURE COPIES OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED REPORTS FROM THE MINNEAPOLIS OFFICE . THIS OFFICE HAS NO INFORMATION REGARDING REQUEST OF THE ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL AND THE BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO ADVISE THIS OFFICE IMMEDIATELY AS TO WHAT ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN IN THIS REGARD. THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY, ST. PAUL, FURTHER ADVISED SIMILAR LETTERS HAD BEEN DIRECTED BY ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL MC-INERNEY TO THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS AT OMAHA, NEBRASKA- AND CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. SUTEL ADVICE.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 6/4/51

FROM : SAC, Omaha

SUBJECT: [redacted] was, et al;  
 INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF GAMBLING DEVICES  
 (Minneapolis File 71-161)  
 (Springfield File 71-100)

Rebulet 5/28/51 in this case, which stated that copies of the following reports be forwarded to the USA's in the Omaha, Springfield and Minneapolis Divisions:

|                         |                         |
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| Report of SA [redacted] | Omaha, Nebraska, 4/5/51 |
| Report of SA [redacted] | Baltimore, 4/7/51       |
| Report of SA [redacted] | Minneapolis, 3/22/51    |

Pursuant to Butel to Minneapolis, 5/18/51, the three above-mentioned reports were furnished to the USA at Des Moines, Iowa, on 5/23/51 by Omaha.

It is noted that attached to Bulet of 5/28/51 was a copy of the Department's request that the above-described reports be sent to three USA's, including JOSEPH T. VOTAVA, USA in Omaha. Inasmuch as the investigation to date in this case reveals no possible violation in the State of Nebraska, no copies of reports are being sent to Mr. VOTAVA. The USA in this division who has an interest in this investigation is in Des Moines and he has been furnished with the pertinent reports.

By letter dated 5/28/51, Springfield advised that the three reports which would be of interest to the USA in Springfield, Illinois, had been furnished to him. Pursuant to Bulet of 5/28/51 Minneapolis is requested to forward copies of the three mentioned reports to the USA at St. Paul.

Bulet of 5/28/51 also requested that copies of these three reports, if available, be furnished to Chicago in order that they might be forwarded to the USA in Chicago. Accordingly enclosed herewith for Chicago are copies of the report of SA [redacted], 3/22/51, Minneapolis and the report of SA [redacted], 4/5/51, Omaha. No extra copy of the report of SA [redacted], 4/7/51, Baltimore is available. Chicago is requested to make a copy of this report and furnish it, along with the enclosed reports, to the USA in Chicago.

cc: Minneapolis  
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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

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CC: Omaha (with cc of incoming)  
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Chicago (with cc of incoming)

Note: Copies of reports in captioned case should be furnished to  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
 FROM : SAC, MINNEAPOLIS

DATE: June 27, 1951

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] was. et.al.  
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The following information is being recorded for information and record purposes, and in order not to expose the identity of the informant, this information is not being incorporated in an investigative report.

On March 29, 1951, ASAC EDWARD J. POWERS gave a talk before the Usadian Club at the Curtis Hotel, Minneapolis, Minnesota, and immediately after the talk, [REDACTED] St. Paul, Minnesota, telephone [REDACTED] inquired as to whether the Bureau would be interested in information dealing with the storage of slot machines by the Mayflower Distributing Company. During the talk before the Club, ASAC POWERS mentioned the interstate transportation of gambling devices statute, and [REDACTED] stated he thought the Mayflower Distributing Company might be involved in the violation of this statute.

[REDACTED] explained that he is associated with the [REDACTED], and in this capacity [REDACTED] for numerous concerns in this area. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] and accordingly, has become acquainted with HERMAN PASTER, President of the Mayflower Distributing Company, as well as ALLEN NILVA, its attorney. In fact, he said that on one occasion a couple of years ago PASTER invited him and his wife to spend a weekend at PASTER's exclusive estate in the northern part of Minnesota.

[REDACTED] further related that about four years ago, he was taken on a tour of the warehouses of the Mayflower Distributing Company, and he saw about 500 slot machines in these warehouses. He said that the Mayflower Company has a process whereby they reface purchased slot machines and sell them for a considerable amount over the purchase price. He also stated he has no knowledge of slot machines presently being

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in the warehouses, both located on University Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, but he is confident there are slot machines present because of the secretive manner in which the operations of the Mayflower Distributing Company are carried on and in view of the fact that no one is allowed to enter the warehouses. He said he has also picked up rumors that the Mayflower Distributing Company has been purchasing slot machines at a low figure, refacing them, and then selling them at a handsome profit.

[REDACTED] was advised that the FBI would be interested in receiving any information which came to his attention, and he stated that he would be on the alert for such information.

[REDACTED] was subsequently recontacted, and he advised that he is the [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was in the business [REDACTED] and as such, that he [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and that recently he noted that the Mayflower Distributing Company had a number of large boxes, but that they were marked "Printing" and for that reason he did not examine same. He stated, However, that he has connection with his business in Chicago, St. Louis and New York, and that at any time that the Minneapolis Office was interested in any particular shipment, that he was advised as to either the origin or the destination of this shipment, and he would have the opportunity to examine same, and would be glad to cooperate in this respect.

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[REDACTED] further advised that he does not possess any recent information concerning slot machines or shipments thereof.

[REDACTED] advised on June 16, 1951, that on the previous Wednesday, June 13, 1951, he received a phone call from HERMAN PASTER, who requested he come to PASTER's office. PASTER stated that their firm is starting a factory in New Jersey, at which place they will manufacture houses or buildings similar to the buildings occupied by "Dairy Queen", and that they expect to have their building materiel shipped throughout the country. PASTER's purpose in talking to [REDACTED] was to obtain [REDACTED] and so forth and at the same time PASTER stated that he was interested in putting [REDACTED] on his payroll as a [REDACTED]. However, [REDACTED] stated no definite arrangements or salary terms have yet been made.

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On this occasion PASTER remarked that he believed the FBI had been checking with all transportation companies regarding the shipment of slot machines from one state to another, and PASTER asked [REDACTED] if the FBI had contacted him. [REDACTED] stated not to his knowledge, but that they may have contacted someone else in the firm. PASTER further remarked that since the passage of the new Federal Law, he is not shipping any slot machines at all from one state to another, but that individuals from firms who desire to purchase slot machines from him can do so, but it is then the responsibility of the purchaser to transport the machines, and it is not PASTER's responsibility. PASTER remarked that he does not care to violate any Federal Law, as he was in trouble with the Government before, and would not want to become involved again.

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[REDACTED] further advised that within the last month or so, he had occasion to visit the warehouse on University Avenue in St. Paul, Minnesota, located directly opposite the Mayflower Distributing Company. [REDACTED] stated that on the outside there is some sign with the word "AJAX". He stated that an individual named [REDACTED] (pho) apparently is very close to PASTER and has charge of this warehouse. [REDACTED] advised that on that occasion he did not observe any slot machines at all on the premises. He stated that the slot machines he saw several years ago were on the fifth floor of the main building of the Mayflower Distributing Company. [REDACTED] further volunteered the information that as of last fall he knew that HERMAN PASTER maintained a suite of rooms at the Sherman Hotel in Chicago, Illinois, on a yearly basis, and that he believed the rooms were numbers 626-628. He stated that last fall while in Chicago, he had occasion to contact PASTER, but when he made inquiry of the Sherman Hotel, they told him that PASTER was not registered there. However, he found out that they lied, as he subsequently visited PASTER, on business, in this suite of rooms.

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[REDACTED] advised that at that time he noted that PASTER was entertaining various representatives of pinball and slot machines, and also that there were various women present.

It is being left to the discretion of the Omaha and Chicago Offices as to whether investigation is conducted at the Sherman Hotel.

[REDACTED] further remarked that in Chicago there is a company called the Balley (pho) Company, but he stated he has no knowledge as to whether or not they have ever manufactured slot machines. He stated that within the last month or so, the Balley Company has shipped some machines called

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"Brite Lights" for the Mayflower Distributing Company, but he did not know from where the shipment had originated. These machines were diverted to other parts of the country.

[REDACTED] further remarked that in the past he has done a lot of business with HERMAN PASTER, but for some reason PASTER turned the business over to a Jewish shipper, but on June 13, 1951, PASTER remarked that he was disgusted with the other individual and was planning on giving all of his future business to the [REDACTED].

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[REDACTED] has promised his utmost cooperation in this matter, and he stated in his contacts with PASTER, that he will be on the lookout for any possible violations, and if he observes any such violations will immediately communicate with this office.

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Page 22 of the report of SA [REDACTED] Omaha, dated April 5, 1951, contains two leads for this office, but that same page reflects that no action should be taken in covering those leads until such time as instructions are received from the office of origin.



## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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FILE NO. 71-100

|   |                          |   |                                  |
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| REPORT MADE AT<br>Springfield, Illinois   | DATE WHEN MADE<br>7-6-51 | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br>4-27;5-4,31;6-8,<br>9,13,16,18,20,28-        | REPORT MADE BY<br>[redacted] mts |
| TITLE<br>[redacted] with aliases<br>ET AL |                          | CHARACTER OF CASE<br>INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF<br>GAMBLING DEVICES |                                  |

## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Records Voss Brothers Express and Storage, Rock Island, Illinois, reflect storage of 21 slot machines 5-19-50 to 3-2-51 for "American Legion". Warehouse receipt signed [redacted] acknowledging personal receipt of slots 3-2-51 at warehouse. Employees, Voss Brothers, recall three persons loading slots on one and one-half ton pre-war closed truck, possibly Ford or Chevrolet, red in color, bearing words "air freight" or "Freight" on side. License unobserved. Identity of telephone contacts by [redacted] and [redacted] set out with background information of each. Duncan Wine and Liquor Company truck described as 1948 Ford panel delivery, MN 88 RC-11325, Illinois 1951 License B 101455, red in color, bearing words "Duncan W & L Co., RI, Ill. E.W. 3485".

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## Details:

At Rock Island, Illinois

[redacted] Voss Brothers Express and Storage, 2125 - 3rd Avenue, stated that on or about February 28, 1951, a representative of an American Legion Post in Davenport, Iowa, unknown to him, entered the Voss Brothers warehouse, claiming ownership of 21 slot machines stored therein, and stating that the slots were to be sold in the near future. [redacted] could not recall whether this person was accompanied by others. [redacted] did not witness the release and loading of the slots on March 2, 1951.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: [Signature]

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Original and duplicate copies of a non-negotiable warehouse receipt were furnished by [redacted]. The receipt, which has been incorporated in the 1-A exhibit of this file, reflected the storage of 21 machines, Lot No. 6357, on May 19, 1950, received for the account of "American Legion", at a storage rate of \$10 per month. Noted on the duplicate copy in pencil was the acknowledgement of receipt of instant machines, "Self. Reced out 3-2-51" signed [redacted]. The serial numbers of instant machines were not listed.

[redacted], Voss Brothers, stated that on March 2, 1951, he had assisted in loading the slots upon a truck which was backed against the loading platform, concealing its license plates. He described the truck as a closed one and one-half-ton pre-war model (1940-1945) van-body vehicle, which was possibly a Ford or Chevrolet. The truck had a metal tail gate with canvas extending from roof to tail gate. Its length and width appeared to be 10' - 11' and 7 1/2', respectively. The truck was red in color and was bearing the words "Air-freight" or possibly the one word "Freight" either on its doors or sides.

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The movement took place in approximately 30 minutes' time, and no money was transacted, according to [redacted]. Close attention was not paid to the three individuals who appeared interested in the movement. Two of these individuals spoke with an accent "like guys from a big town". One was the driver, of the truck, described as medium in height with stocky build. The second was 5'7" or 5'8" in height, heavy set, and wearing glasses, according to [redacted], who could not recall descriptive information regarding the third individual. At no time was the destination of the movement discussed.

[redacted], Voss Brothers, said he was the only other member of the firm who assisted in the loading the shipment. He stated essentially the same information furnished by [redacted], adding that he recalled the driver as having a pompadour hair cut and wearing unmatched work shirt and trousers. He recognized one of the three individuals as being a Legionnaire whom he had seen before in Davenport, Iowa.

Confidential Informant [redacted], of known reliability, established the following persons as being contacts of [redacted] of LeClair, Iowa:

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| <u>TOWN</u>           | <u>NUMBER</u> | <u>SUBSCRIBER</u>   |
|-----------------------|---------------|---|
| Moline, Illinois      |               |   |
| Rock Island, Illinois | 6-3418        | QUAD-CITY AMUSEMENT COMPANY, 319 - 20th Street              |
| Moline, Illinois      |               |   |
| Moline, Illinois      | 2575          | CARLETON MUSIC COMPANY, 1109 - 5th Ave.                     |
| Rock Island, Illinois |               |   |
| Galesburg, Illinois   | 5-6566        | CURRY FLYING SCHOOL, 1330 North Henderson                   |
| Moline, Illinois      | 5894          | H & H MUSIC COMPANY, 1304 - 4th Ave.<br>[redacted]          |
| Moline, Illinois      | 5082          | VAN'S SANDWICH SHOP, 1103 - 5th Ave.<br>[redacted]          |
| Rock Island, Illinois |               |   |
| Rock Island, Illinois | 6-6477        | FRANKEL ELECTRO COMPANY, 2532 - 5th Ave.                    |
| Rock Island, Illinois |               |   |
| Rock Island, Illinois | 8-5651        | ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL (Gov. Res.)                             |
| Rock Island, Illinois | 8-3401        | TODD'S RECREATION, 213 - 18th Street<br>[redacted]          |
| Rock Island, Illinois | 8-5821        | SCOTT MUSIC COMPANY, 2322 - 3rd Avenue<br>[redacted]        |
| Rock Island, Illinois | 8-3014        | No listing (probably transposition of figures 8-3401 above) |
| Rock Island, Illinois |               |   |

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It is to be noted that the number [redacted] was contacted on four occasions and [redacted] on two occasions, both numbers listed to [redacted]. The towns of Savanna, Wheeling, and Arco, Illinois, to which calls were made, are in the territory of the Chicago Division.

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The following persons were contacts of [REDACTED]

| <u>TOWN</u>           | <u>NUMBER</u> | <u>SUBSCRIBER</u>                       |
|-----------------------|---------------|---|
| Rock Island, Illinois | 8-3211        | DUNCAN LIQUOR STORES, 422 - 24th Street |
| Rock Island, Illinois | [REDACTED]    | [REDACTED]                              |
| Rock Island, Illinois | [REDACTED]    | [REDACTED]                              |
| Rock Island, Illinois | 6-6552        | DUNCAN LIQUOR STORES, 2029 - 4th Avenue |
| Moline, Illinois      | [REDACTED]    | [REDACTED]                              |
| Rock Island, Illinois | [REDACTED]    | [REDACTED]                              |
| Rock Island, Illinois | 8-3534        | DUNCAN LIQUOR STORE, 1506 - 2nd Avenue  |
| Rock Island, Illinois | 6-2641        | St. ANTHONY'S HOSPITAL, 767 - 30th St.  |
| Rock Island, Illinois | [REDACTED]    | [REDACTED]                              |

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Composite background information pertaining to the above listed subscribers was obtained from records of the Businessmen's Association Credit Bureau, Moline, Illinois, the Quad-Cities Credit Bureau of Rock Island, Illinois, Confidential Informants [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] of known reliability, and records of the Moline and Rock Island, Illinois, Police Departments.

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[REDACTED] is 33 years of age, married (wife [REDACTED]), two children; and [REDACTED], Moline, where he is in partnership with his father, [REDACTED]. He is a [REDACTED] and has a conditional sale on a music machine at the present time. His accounts are slow, although he is prompt in payment of liquor bills. He is not known to participate in illegal transactions.

[REDACTED] is a [REDACTED] who established a [REDACTED] business in Moline in 1930. He spends a great deal of his time playing golf and is considered a respectable citizen.

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H & H MUSIC COMPANY, 1304 - 4th Avenue, Moline, Illinois, is operated by [REDACTED] Rock Island. [REDACTED] is believed to be approximately 30 years of age and is the son of a former [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] in the City of Rock Island. He is considered to be reputable.

VAN'S SANDWICH SHOP, 1103 - 5th Avenue, Moline, is owned by C. D. VAN ARSDALE, 45 years of age, and formerly a salesman with Provident Mutual Insurance Company, Davenport, Iowa. He is originally from Kankakee, Illinois. His wife, [REDACTED] is a [REDACTED]. He is unknown to law enforcement agencies.

[REDACTED] Rock Island, Illinois, is in his twenties, the son of [REDACTED] Rock Island. He recently married [REDACTED] and is employed as a [REDACTED] worker for [REDACTED] East Moline, Illinois. He recently obtained a chattel mortgage on a 1951 Chevrolet. He is a Navy veteran and graduate of Augustana College, Rock Island. He is unknown to local law agencies.

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[REDACTED] Rock Island, is the father of two children. On February 23, 1950, he obtained a chattel mortgage for \$1,666.70 on music machines through the Chase Investment Company, address unknown. No further information was obtainable.

TODD'S RECREATION, 213 - 18th Street, Rock Island, Illinois, is owned by [REDACTED] Rock Island, who once controlled all "barrel of fun" gambling tickets in Rock Island. He owns a pre-war \$28,000 home which is in the name of his wife, [REDACTED]. He is middle-aged and is considered to be vulnerable to any transaction involving gambling devices.

SCOTT MUSIC COMPANY, 2322 - 3rd Avenue, Rock Island, is directly connected with the Scott Bell Television Company, 120 $\frac{1}{2}$  West 3rd Street, Davenport, Iowa. [REDACTED] Davenport, Iowa, is connected with the Scott Hotel, Pittman Distributing Company, and Atlas Pool Hall of Davenport. He has been a [REDACTED] and is considered to be a person who might deal in other gambling devices.

D. ZIFFREN is the deceased husband of [REDACTED] residing at [REDACTED] Rock Island. Her phone is listed in the name of her husband, who formerly owned a pawn shop in Davenport, Iowa, and left his wife considerable real estate.

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DAVID NITEKMAN, 727 - 34th Street, Rock Island, Illinois, is a self-employed junk dealer, 41 years of age, married, wife ROSE, three children. [redacted] known to be related to [redacted]. He purchased property in the Belle Aire Division of Rock Island in 1950, and is not known to operate illegally.

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H. B. ZIFFRIN, 1184 - 19th Street, Moline, owns the "Old Style Beer" distributing company and was formerly with the Block Coal Company for 41 years until resigning in 1946. He is an elderly man and the owner of considerable property. [redacted] is a business associate in the Ziffren Distributing Company, 122 - 3rd Avenue, Moline.

MILO DOCKTERMAN, 1631 - 24th Street, Rock Island, is the manager of the Gellman Manufacturing Company (bakery equipment) Rock Island. He is about 42 years of age and maintains a five-figure income. He is considered reputable.

M. B. ~~KELINSON~~, 1503 - 24th Street, Rock Island, owned a grocery store at 2113 - 6th Avenue, Rock Island, in 1941, and has been a salesman for the Illinois Wholesale Grocers. His uncle, HARRY FINKLESTEIN, is the wealthy owner of hotels in Miami, Florida. ~~KELINSON~~ is considered susceptible to illegal dealings.

Information concerning the Carleton Music Company, 1109 - 5th Avenue, Moline; FAY R. GARDNER, 2101 - 22nd Street, Rock Island; FRANKEL ELECTRO COMPANY, 2532 - 5th Avenue, Rock Island; and Duncan Wine and Liquor Company, 2029 - 4th Avenue, Rock Island, is set out in referenced report of the writer dated April 19, 1951, at Springfield.

Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, mentioned further that the principal operators of slot machines in the Rock Island area during the time gambling was more or less on a wide open basis were the following individuals:

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HAROLD ~~JOHNSON~~, operator of the Fifth Avenue Cigar Club and Cafe, 5th Avenue and 31st Streets, Rock Island, Illinois.

FAY R. ~~GARDNER~~, operator of the Gardner Music Company, 1103 3rd Avenue, Rock Island, Illinois.

LAWRENCE ~~FRANKEL~~, operator of Frankel Electro Company (vending machines) 2532 - 5th Avenue, Rock Island, Illinois.

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Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised that he had seen one of his confidential informants, whose identity he did not disclose, and that this informant had advised that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], Rock Island, had on or about March 1, 1951, been involved in some way with the sale of slot machines transported from the Rock Island area. [REDACTED] was unable to elaborate on this information.

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In addition, this informant told [REDACTED] that if there were any slot machines stored at the present time in the Rock Island-Davenport area, they would probably be found in the warehouse of George's Radio Store, 1003 West 4th Street, Davenport, Iowa, [REDACTED] or on the premises of the 40 and 8 Club, 329 West 2nd Street, Davenport, [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] also stated that there was a possibility, according to the informant, that slot machines might be stored at the warehouse of EWERT and RICHTER Storage Company, 424 Western, Davenport.

By reason of the association between [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and the possibility that a truck of [REDACTED] the Duncan Wine and Liquor Company, 2029 - 4th Avenue, Rock Island, might have been used to transport slot machines, a close observation of a truck parked at the above address revealed it to be a 1948 Ford panel delivery truck, 1951 Illinois commercial license B 101455, bearing the lettering "Duncan W & L Co., RI, Ill. E.W. 3485" on the doors.

At Springfield, Illinois

Records of the Illinois Motor Vehicle Registration Division, State Capitol, made available by [REDACTED] Clerk, disclosed the aforementioned 1948 Ford panel truck as bearing Motor No. 88 RC-11325. This is the only vehicle operated by the Duncan Wine and Liquor Company of Rock Island, Illinois.

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THE CHICAGO DIVISION

At Savannah, Illinois: Through appropriate source of information will ascertain the identity and reputation of telephone subscriber No. [ ] contacted by [ ] on December 28, 1950.

At Wheeling, Illinois: Will ascertain the identity and reputation of subscriber No. 36 contacted by [ ] on January 20, 1951.

At Argo, Illinois: Will determine activity of Balkers Store, telephonically contacted by [ ] on January 29, 1951.

THE OMAHA DIVISION

At Davenport, Iowa: Will develop information regarding the following persons suspected of dealing with [ ]:

[ ]

Will ascertain whether slot machines have been stored in the warehouse of Ewert and Richter Storage Company, 424 Western.

Will attempt to ascertain serial numbers of slot machines sold by [ ] to subject [ ] on March 2, 1951.

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THE SPRINGFIELD DIVISION

At Rock Island, Illinois: Will develop further information regarding [ ] [ ] Rock Island.

Will continue to maintain contact with confidential sources of information for further developments, particularly in regard to the alleged negotiation by [ ] New York Tavern, 1607 - 2nd Avenue, on March 1, 1951, concerning the sale of slots.

At Cordova, Illinois: Will ascertain the reputation of [ ] contacted by [ ] on January 30, 1951.



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Investigation at Springfield, Illinois, State Motor Vehicle Registration Division was conducted by [REDACTED], Special Employee.

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References: Report of SA [REDACTED], Omaha, dated 4-5-51.

Report of SA [REDACTED], Springfield, dated 4-19-51.

Omaha letter to the Bureau dated 5-2-51.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: July 19, 1951

FROM : SAC, Minneapolis

SUBJECT: [REDACTED], was., etal  
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Re Omaha memorandum to Minneapolis dated June 18, 1951.

Records at the Motor Vehicle Division, State Capitol, St. Paul, Minnesota, reflect that 1951 Minnesota License 463-804 was listed to West End Super Value, 1931 West Superior Street, Duluth, Minnesota, for a 1947 Pontiac station wagon, Serial No. TP8MB12498. There was no theft report on file in that office.

The following investigation was conducted at Duluth, Minnesota, on July 3 and 5, 1951:

City directory records indicate that the West End Super Value Store located at 1931 West Superior Street, Duluth, Minnesota, is operated by [REDACTED] and that [REDACTED] is an employee in this store.

[REDACTED] was interviewed under pretext on July 3, 1951, and he advised that he and his brother formerly came from Des Moines, Iowa, where they lived in 1948 and 1949 and prior to this time came from Newton, Iowa. [REDACTED] stated that he himself is the manager of the store, and [REDACTED] is an employee. He also stated the store owns a 1947 Pontiac station wagon which [REDACTED] used for his vacation during the middle part of June, 1951, when he visited the State of Iowa. [REDACTED] never heard of the name of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Retail Credit Association, Duluth, Minnesota, advised that both the [REDACTED] brothers have a good standing in the community and that both were reported to have a good record in Des Moines, Iowa.

[REDACTED] Identification Division of the Duluth, Minnesota, Police Department, stated he had no information in his files concerning the [REDACTED]

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: August 1, 1951

FROM : SAC, Omaha

SUBJECT: [REDACTED], was., et al  
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Rereps SA [REDACTED], 5/4/51, Omaha, Nebraska, SA [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] 7/6/51, Springfield, Illinois, and Minneapolis letter to Director,  
7/23/51.

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Investigation by the Omaha Office has not disclosed any further pertinent activity on the part of [REDACTED] or other known representatives of the PASTER interests of St. Paul, Minnesota, in the Davenport, Iowa, area, except that on June 1, 1951, [REDACTED], LeClaire, Iowa, presumed to be a part time representative of such interests in the Davenport, Iowa, area, made a superficial and nonspecific inquiry of [REDACTED], B.P.O.E., Davenport, Iowa, as to whether the slots owned by that club were still on hand, indicating that at some indefinite time in the future he might be interested in acquiring same.

In view of the rather substantial quantity of information developed in instant investigation reflecting that the PASTER interests have been, and perhaps still are, actively engaged in handling slot machines, and further, in view of the absence of information tending to indicate that a subsequent violation may be expected to occur at Davenport, Iowa, involving such interests, it is suggested that the Minneapolis Office proceed with such investigation as it may deem appropriate with regard to both instant case and the general pertinent activities of the PASTER interests.

The Bureau, Minneapolis, and Springfield Offices will be immediately advised of any seemingly pertinent information hereafter developed by this office.

An investigative report covering investigation to date is presently in the process of preparation.

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Springfield (Air Mail)

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
 FROM : SAC, MINNEAPOLIS  
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DATE: 8/2/51

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The Washington Field Office should refer to SAC Letter No. 66, Series 1951, dated 7/3/51, Paragraph (A). b6  
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That letter sets forth a list of companies who have registered with the Attorney General as provided by Section 3 of Public Law 906, and it is noted under 26 that the only company listed for Minnesota is Jerry's Coin Machine Repair, 410 North Syndicate Street, St. Paul, Minnesota.

The last paragraph of that letter reflects that any information or complaints coming to the attention of the field office which would indicate the assistance of other dealers and gambling devices as described by Public Law 906, should be made the subject of an immediate investigation and a lead be set out to the Washington Field Office to check the records of the Department to determine if the company is registered with the Attorney General at that time.

Instant case, of which Omaha is origin, contains detailed information concerning the ~~Paster~~ Distributing Company and the ~~Mayflower~~ Distributing Company, 2218 University Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, of which ~~HERMAN PASTER~~ is President and ~~ALLEN ISADORE NILVA~~ is Vice President.

The Washington Field Office requested two copies of the report of Special Agent [REDACTED], Minneapolis, dated 3/22/51 which case was then entitled, "UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; Slot Machines, Private Clubs, Davenport, Iowa. Purchase and Interstate Transportation to St. Paul, Minnesota. INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF GAMBLING DEVICES."

Unless the Omaha Office has already requested the Washington Field Office to do so, it is requested that the Washington Field Office conduct appropriate inquiry to determine if the above two companies and/or individuals are registered with the Attorney General.

Copies of the report of the Washington Field Office should be furnished to the various offices receiving copies of this communication.

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Re Minneapolis letter dated July 23, 1951, in above captioned matter.

Instant letter transmitted enclosures with request that photostatic copies be prepared and forwarded to all offices receiving a copy of this communication. In accordance with request these photostats are attached. The original enclosure is being returned to the Minneapolis Office as per their request.

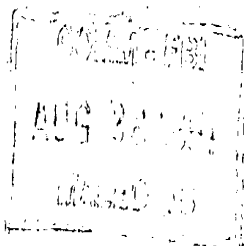
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: July 23, 1951

FROM : SAC, MINNEAPOLIS

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] was. et.al.  
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| Mr. Tolson     | _____ |
| Mr. Ladd       | _____ |
| Mr. Clegg      | _____ |
| Mr. Glavin     | _____ |
| Mr. Nichols    | _____ |
| Mr. Rosen      | _____ |
| Mr. Tracy      | _____ |
| Mr. Harbo      | _____ |
| Mr. Mohr       | _____ |
| Mr. Belmont    | _____ |
| Mr. Egan       | _____ |
| Mr. Gurnea     | _____ |
| Mr. Hendon     | _____ |
| Mr. Pennington | _____ |
| Mr. Quinn      | _____ |
| Mr. Nease      | _____ |
| Miss Gandy     | _____ |

Most of the information set forth hereinafter was furnished by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] East Grand Forks, Minnesota, who furnished information relative to his campaigning for ELMO T. CHRISTIANSON, who was then running for the position of Attorney General of the State of North Dakota. It will be noted that [REDACTED] furnished information relative to CHRISTIANSON approaching him relative to placing pin-ball and slot machines in the State of North Dakota, and as a result thereof, [REDACTED] met HERMAN PASTER, President, and ALLEN NILVA, Vice-President, PASTER Distributing Company and Mayflower Distributing Company, St. Paul, Minnesota.

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## PENDING INVESTIGATION REGARDING [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is presently under investigation by this office in connection with the case entitled [REDACTED]

Federal Lending and Insurance Agency - RFC, "BRIBERY". That file (Minneapolis File #86-46) reflects that [REDACTED] contacted [REDACTED], an attorney at St. Paul, Minnesota, in an effort to obtain an RFC Loan for his business. [REDACTED] offered to obtain a loan of approximately \$78,000 through RFC for [REDACTED] in return for a fee of \$2,000, plus 5% of the loan when disbursed. [REDACTED] paid \$1,000 and was told by [REDACTED] that he "didn't want to know what the money was to be used for". That file contains other detailed information, which was furnished in a signed-sworn statement by [REDACTED].

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BACKGROUND REGARDING ELMO T. CHRISTIANSON

[REDACTED] Grand Forks, North Dakota Police Department, advised on December 30, 1950, that one of his sources stated a plan was under foot to flood North Dakota with some sort of a gambling machine, and that there was supposed to be a "car load" of the gambling devices stored at the Kedney Warehouse, Grand Forks, North Dakota. [REDACTED] advised he understood that ELMO T. CHRISTIANSON, the newly elected Attorney General for the State of North Dakota, was in on the scheme, as well as [REDACTED], a local automobile dealer and politician, and [REDACTED] a Grand Forks, North Dakota lawyer.

[REDACTED] Riviera Lounge, 113 North Third Street, Grand Forks, North Dakota, [REDACTED] advised he was aware of a proposed scheme to flood North Dakota with a pin-ball machine known as "one-ball". [REDACTED] stated he understood the present pin-ball machines and other amusement devices were to be outlawed, and that the "one-ball" machine would become legal. [REDACTED] further understood there would be a "pay-off", and that the player of the "one-ball" machine, upon obtaining a winner would collect from the bartender or proprietor of the store where the machine was operated. [REDACTED] further stated it was rumored that ELMO T. CHRISTIANSON had received a brand new 1950 Oldsmobile "88" Rocket, in addition to receiving \$5,000 in cash. [REDACTED] stated "this contribution" was donated by the manufacturers of the "one-ball" machine, which was manufactured by a Twin Cities (Minnesota) concern.

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According to [REDACTED] COUCH Amusement Company, 932 North Fourth Street, Grand Forks, North Dakota, was to place the machines in Grand Forks establishments. [REDACTED] stated he was told there was a car load of the "one-ball" machines presently stored at the Kedney Warehouse, where they are reported to be consigned to [REDACTED]. According to [REDACTED], [REDACTED] told him that these machines were not owned by him, but were on consignment from a Minneapolis or St. Paul manufacturer.

According to [REDACTED] was to run the scheme in the northern part of North Dakota. Also, that [REDACTED], during the Fall of 1950, solicited a contribution



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from him, [REDACTED], for CHRISTIANSON. [REDACTED] stated no doubt CHRISTIANSON and [REDACTED] are closely connected politically, both being connected with the non-partisan league, a branch of the Republican Party of North Dakota.

In February 1951, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Grand Forks, North Dakota, told SA [REDACTED] IN THE STRICTEST OF CONFIDENCE, and he insisted that the information should go absolutely no further than to Agent [REDACTED] and UNDER NO CONDITIONS SHOULD [REDACTED] IDENTITY BE REVEALED, that CHRISTIANSON is approximately 28 years of age and has very little, if any, legal experience.

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[REDACTED] advised further that CHRISTIANSON is a person of no financial means and remarked that a \$25 check which CHRISTIANSON gave for filing for election "bounced"; that CHRISTIANSON has made his livelihood as a [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] further stated he observed CHRISTIANSON, shortly after January 1, 1951, driving a new 1950 Oldsmobile "88" Rocket, and he further understood CHRISTIANSON received a \$5,000 sum from some gambling device manufacturer in the Twin Cities (Minnesota) for CHRISTIANSON's protection.

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[REDACTED] pointed out that there was no doubt but that the non-partisan league faction of the Republican Party is controlled primarily by United States Senator WILLIAM LANGER, [REDACTED], of Fargo, North Dakota, recently defeated non-partisan league candidate for the governorship of North Dakota, and LOU STEARNS, who has controlling interest in the Minot Bottling Company, Minot, North Dakota. [REDACTED] advised STEARNS is an old hoodlum and has had his brother, [REDACTED], serving jail sentence for him in the past. [REDACTED] pointed out that there is absolutely no doubt in his mind but that there is a connection with LOU STEARNS, CHRISTIANSON, [REDACTED] and several others in the setting up of gambling throughout North Dakota.

[REDACTED] admitted that [REDACTED] contacted him during [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

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that [redacted]  
[redacted] propositioned him to allow him, [redacted]  
to operate punch-boards. [redacted] stated shortly after [redacted]  
[redacted] approached LOU STEARNS at Bismarck, North  
Dakota, and LOU STEARNS offered him \$1,000 a month for the  
privilege of STEARN's organization to operate slot-machines  
solely in the western part of North Dakota. [redacted] further  
stated he was offered \$5,000 a year by STEARNS for the operation  
of "Jack-Pot" punch boards. [redacted] said his answer to STEARNS  
was a flat "no", and [redacted] stated he followed this up immediately  
[redacted]

[redacted] advised that he feels that because of this he,  
[redacted]  
[redacted] felt certain that some sort of a "crooked deal" was  
being cooked up by CHRISTIANSON, LOU STEARNS, and others  
because good investigators [redacted]  
have been dismissed or have been assigned to insignificant  
territories.

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During the latter part of January, 1951, LOU STEARNS  
suddenly died in Minot, North Dakota, and [redacted] stated that  
because of this, CHRISTIANSON now desires to "pull out of the  
whole thing" as STEARNS was his boss and at the present time  
CHRISTIANSON has a sum of money and a new car, which he must  
not produce for anyone. [redacted] marked that many individuals  
who have made substantial contributions, and being without  
the support of CHRISTIANSON, are going to suffer financial  
losses and will become angry.

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[redacted] stated CHRISTIANSON has a most limited mental  
capacity and was frightened by the passage of recent Federal  
Laws regarding gambling devices, and apparently wants to rid  
himself of all responsibility; that [redacted] has had a falling-  
out with CHRISTIANSON; that recently [redacted] called at his  
office and indicated to [redacted] that [redacted] had been retained  
as legal counsel by parties adverse to the gambling scheme.  
[redacted] stated this was not the case, and he himself is merely  
an interested bystander.

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On February 2, 1951, SA [redacted] interviewed [redacted], at [redacted] request, at the [redacted] East Grand Forks, Minnesota. [redacted] advised he resides at [redacted] Grand Forks, North Dakota. [redacted] stated he wanted Agent [redacted] to know that he would be willing to give information in his position that would be of interest to the Government. [redacted] admitted he is definitely interested in North Dakota Politics and plans to run for State Senator from Grand Forks. He stated he was interested in the recent campaign of CHRISTIANSON, and that he had been a large contributor and had traveled throughout North Dakota with CHRISTIANSON campaigning with and for him. [redacted] stated his purpose in endeavoring to elect CHRISTIANSON was to obtain some prestige for himself; to get some appointments in the Office of the Attorney General and to sell automobiles.

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[redacted] stated he had never personally observed any gambling devices or machines, but said he was positive a good number of them were stored in a warehouse in Minot, North Dakota, and owned by LOU STEARNS. He further stated there was no doubt but that LOU STEARNS, in addition to CHRISTIANSON and others, definitely planned to place pin-ball machines throughout North Dakota. [redacted] said he had no personal connection with this scheme. He stated the pin-ball machines were to be purchased from the Mayflower Novelty Company, St. Paul, Minnesota, of which HERMAN PASTER is the owner, and which is also known as the PASTER Distributing Company. [redacted] advised when the deal was closed, LOU STEARNS sent [redacted], a [redacted] of Minot, North Dakota, and a third person, identity unknown to St. Paul to contact officials of the Mayflower Novelty Company. [redacted] stated when these individuals arrived for the conference, PASTER personally called him, [redacted], to ascertain if [redacted] and [redacted] were the individuals he should deal with.

[redacted] advised since the death of LOU STEARNS, CHRISTIANSON wants to get out of the matter as he is now responsible to no one. [redacted] further stated the machines sent to North Dakota by the Mayflower Novelty Company are still owned by that company and their problem is to get them out of the state.

In regard to the Kedney Warehouse, Grand Forks, North Dakota, mentioned above, a separate file (71-160) was

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opened, and that file reflects that on March 9, 1951, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], Kedney Warehouse, advised that machines were  
never stored there. He stated that on December 28, 1950, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] called and asked to store 150 washing machines, but  
he never sent them.

ADDITIONAL DATA FURNISHED BY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], East Grand Forks, Minnesota, advised SA [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] on June 29, 1951, that he wanted to furnish some  
information, inasmuch as his life has been threatened, and he  
would testify if necessary to any of the following information.

[REDACTED] stated during the Summer of 1950, he campaigned  
for CHRISTIANSON; that CHRISTIANSON approached him relative to  
placing pin-ball and slot machines in North Dakota, and stated  
when the plan was in operation he, [REDACTED], would receive 50%  
of the profits; that CHRISTIANSON suggested he go to St. Paul,  
Minnesota to "see those boys". At this time [REDACTED] stated  
he did not know whom CHRISTIANSON meant; that CHRISTIANSON  
instructed him to contact [REDACTED] Bismarck, North  
Dakota, to ascertain the identity of the individuals. [REDACTED]  
stated [REDACTED] had nothing whatever to do with the plan, and  
that [REDACTED] is presently employed as an Agent of the United  
States Secret Service at Baltimore, Maryland. [REDACTED] stated  
he telephonically contacted [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] stated he would  
send him, [REDACTED], a letter of introduction, which he subsequently  
received.

This letter is dated October 17, 1950, and is addressed  
"To whom it may concern" and [REDACTED] loaned the same to this  
office. [REDACTED] stated attached to the letter was a yellow  
sheet of paper on which was type written the following:

"Very important people. Treat as such. Use  
my name as you see fit".

"HERMAN PASTER

2218 Univ Ave St Paul

Pres of Paster Distributing Co  
Mayflower Distributing Co

Vice Pres Allen Nilva"

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[REDACTED] stated the above mentioned yellow sheet indicated to him who the individuals in St. Paul, Minnesota were that he was to contact, and that immediately upon receiving the above letter he telephonically contacted HERMAN PASTER at St. Paul, Minnesota, who requested him to come to St. Paul immediately.

The above mentioned letter, with yellow sheet, as well as another letter to be mentioned hereinafter are being transmitted herewith to the Bureau, and it is requested that the Bureau prepare photostatic copies of these three communications and forward a set to each of the offices receiving copies of this communication. The three originals should be returned to this office, as they must be returned to [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] VISIT IN TWIN CITIES WITH HERMAN PASTER

[REDACTED] stated he met HERMAN PASTER at the Dyckman Hotel, Minneapolis, Minnesota, for the purpose of raising campaign funds for the election of CHRISTIANSON; that PASTER stated if CHRISTIANSON was elected, PASTER, would be defrayed of all the election expenses and informed [REDACTED] that he, [REDACTED], would lose nothing.

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[REDACTED] stated shortly after the election that PASTER telephonically contacted him and said "get your man and bring him right down". [REDACTED] telephonically contacted CHRISTIANSON at Cavalier, North Dakota, where CHRISTIANSON was residing and they flew to Minneapolis, Minnesota, and were met at the airport by HERMAN PASTER, who took both of them directly to the Mayflower Distributing Company, St. Paul, Minnesota, where PASTER showed them four floors of the building at the warehouse, which [REDACTED] stated was littered with thousands of slot machines and other gaming machines; that CHRISTIANSON told him, [REDACTED], to find out out much money PASTER was going to come across with. Then, [REDACTED] and CHRISTIANSON were taken into PASTER's private office where he opened a large leather case and began showing them letters he received from various "big shots" throughout the country.

[REDACTED] observed among the letters was a very friendly letter to HERMAN PASTER from the Attorney General of the State of Wisconsin at Madison, Wisconsin. PASTER, in their presence, telephonically contacted this individual at

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Madison, Wisconsin, and appeared to have a friendly conversation with him. [REDACTED] stated he believed PASTER made this phone call allegedly to the Attorney General at Wisconsin, to impress them.

PASTER also exhibited to them a letter signed by the [REDACTED] of the City of St. Paul, Minnesota, and that letter reflected the writer's thinking that SANTA CLAUS came once a year, but she now knows otherwise. [REDACTED] stated no doubt this woman had received some gift and sent a letter of appreciation. PASTER told them that he felt they should never talk to anyone else and should tell no one about their dealings. PASTER then gave CHRISTIANSON a camera, which develops pictures in a few minutes. PASTER also stated he did not want CHRISTIANSON to do anything "crooked", but he wanted CHRISTIANSON to "overlook a few laws", and that he would expect CHRISTIANSON to write some favorable opinions. PASTER also told CHRISTIANSON that he would not have to worry about writing the opinions, as he, PASTER, would see that the opinions were typed out in St. Paul, Minnesota, and forwarded to CHRISTIANSON in Bismarck, North Dakota.

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#### ACTIVITIES IN CHICAGO

While in PASTER's Private Office, PASTER telephonically contacted [REDACTED] Valley Corporation, Chicago, Illinois, and apparently [REDACTED] told PASTER to bring CHRISTIANSON, to Chicago, Illinois, immediately. That same evening [REDACTED] stated that he, CHRISTIANSON, PASTER and ALLEN NILVA had dinner, and immediately after they, with the exception of NILVA, flew to Chicago and they took a taxi directly to the Sherman Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, and PASTER took them to the tenth floor. According to [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and Associates occupied Rooms 1008, 1009, 1010 and 1012. Upon arriving at the suite of rooms at about 8 P.M., which was sometime in November 1950, shortly after CHRISTIANSON was elected, they met in these rooms [REDACTED] of the Valley Corporation, two body guards of [REDACTED] and three prostitutes. About a half hour later, CHRISTIANSON was taken into one of the rooms by [REDACTED], PASTER and [REDACTED], and [REDACTED] stated he was not invited. During the conference CHRISTIANSON apparently was given a silver cigarette service outfit, made of sterling silver, and a beautiful brown leather ladies purse, a set of pearls and various other gifts, as [REDACTED] stated he helped CHRISTIANSON pack these gifts when

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they returned to Minneapolis and Grand Forks. [ ] stated this incident occurred the same evening EZZARD CHARLES and JOE WALCOTT fought, as they watched the fight on television. [ ] stated he, PASTER and CHRISTIANSON spent the night in the above mentioned rooms and flew back to Minneapolis the following day. According to [ ] [ ] appeared to be the big boss as his two body guards and [ ] referred to [ ] as "Chief".

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[ ] stated upon returning to Minneapolis, Minnesota by plane from Chicago, he subsequently met [ ] who is [ ] as well as [ ] [ ] stated [ ] told him he had seen him and CHRISTIANSON in the presence of PASTER and [ ] and stated that it probably was not good to be seen in such company. PASTER then took CHRISTIANSON to an exclusive men's shop in St. Paul, Minnesota, where he purchased for him a blue suit, which cost over \$100, and also purchased a hat. [ ] stated that PASTER also bought him, [ ] a hat. At this time ALLEN NILVA was present and CHRISTIANSON remarked that he would wear that suit at his inauguration. [ ] further stated that afterwards, PASTER told him and CHRISTIANSON that the next time they came to Minneapolis, he, PASTER, would have some money for them and [ ] stated, up to this time no money had passed between PASTER, CHRISTIANSON, or himself, as far as he knew. PASTER also told CHRISTIANSON that he would probably be contacted by individuals with proposed gambling schemes, and other "propositions" and PASTER told CHRISTIANSON he should become very violent with such persons and threaten to literally "throw them out of the office". PASTER remarked that no matter what propositions CHRISTIANSON received, he, PASTER, "would do better".

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[ ] stated it was their intention to return to Grand Forks, North Dakota, the same day, but because of airplane trouble, he and CHRISTIANSON stayed at the Nicollet Hotel in Minneapolis, Minnesota that evening and returned by plane to Grand Forks, North Dakota the next day.

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[REDACTED] ADDITIONAL VISIT TO ST. PAUL

During the latter part of November 1950, [REDACTED] stated he received a phone call from PASTER, who instructed that he bring [REDACTED] to St. Paul, Minnesota. He stated [REDACTED] operates amusement devices in Grand Forks, North Dakota; that he did not contact [REDACTED] but went to St. Paul alone and at the Mayflower Distributing Company, St. Paul, Minnesota, he found various amusement devices operators present, who were there for the purpose of holding a meeting and [REDACTED] recalled the following individuals who were there:

[REDACTED]

According to [REDACTED] PASTER informed those persons at this meeting that he had invested a lot of money, and that if the operators wanted to have their machines in North Dakota, they were going to have to "kick in". PASTER also told all of them that he had spent considerable money, and he would have to be taken care of. PASTER further told these operators that after January 1, 1951, North Dakota would be wide open and that they could operate in all public places they wanted to, but PASTER pointed out that the private clubs would be handled exclusively by the Mayflower Distributing Company. [REDACTED] said that PASTER then told these operators how much they would have to pay monthly to him, [REDACTED], but [REDACTED] stated he could not recall the exact figures mentioned by PASTER.

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[REDACTED] further stated that PASTER had assured CHRISTIANSON and himself that the minimum money they would make per month would be \$3,500, and as mentioned before, [REDACTED] stated he himself was to receive a half. [REDACTED] also stated PASTER told these operators that there was a very high North Dakota official who was interested in this plan, and that although PASTER would not mention CHRISTIANSON, all of those persons knew whom he was talking about. PASTER stated that this high official would be known as "JOHNNY BELOW-ZERO". PASTER also made it very clear that all the machines to be taken to North Dakota would have to be purchased from HERMAN PASTER.

After attending this meeting, [REDACTED] stated he returned to Grand Forks, North Dakota, and about one week later he received a phone call from PASTER, who told him to come to St. Paul, Minnesota, immediately with CHRISTIANSON,



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which they did, and at that time ALLEN NILVA gave CHRISTIANSON a sum of money and subsequently CHRISTIANSON stated it was \$1,000. At this time PASTER also told CHRISTIANSON "to get going on the plan right away". PASTER also gave CHRISTIANSON a "statement for the press", which statement was to advise the citizens of North Dakota that CHRISTIANSON and his office were to be very strict in the enforcement of the laws against punch-boards and slot-machines.

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[redacted] stated at about this time LOU STEARN endeavored to replace him, [redacted], with one of his own men named [redacted], an ex-convict, residing at Towner, North Dakota; at about the same time [redacted] stated he himself received several phone calls from [redacted], the son-in-law of [redacted], and that [redacted] told him, [redacted], "get out or your life won't be worth a nickle".

[redacted] stated on or about December 15, 1950, he received another phone call from HERMAN PASTER, who wanted to see him immediately. Upon contacting PASTER, [redacted] had been in to see him, and PASTER asked if he, [redacted] and CHRISTIANSON were having any trouble and [redacted] stated he told PASTER everything was going smoothly. At this point PASTER suddenly pulled a gun out of his desk drawer and told [redacted] that he kept the gun for a certain purpose, and furthermore that the gun was for "people who talked too much".

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[redacted] stated that prior to January 1, 1951, some "one-ball" and consoles, sometimes referred to as a "flat-top" had been shipped into North Dakota by the Mayflower Distributing Company, and he was quite certain these machines were sent to Devils Lake, North Dakota, New Rockford, Minot and Williston, all North Dakota.

[redacted] further advised that just before the first of January, 1951, he received another phone call from PASTER, who asked him if he could find a place to store 150 "one-ball" machines. [redacted] stated he thought he could arrange it and he then called [redacted], Manager, Kedney Warehouse, Grand Forks, North Dakota. [redacted] stated he asked [redacted] if he had space to store 150 washington machines, but he stated these machines never came to Grand Forks, North Dakota, and he does not know what happened to them.

Prior to January 1, 1951, [redacted] stated he solicited and received \$815 from [redacted] of Minot, North Dakota,

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which money was for making a downpayment on a new automobile for CHRISTIANSON. [REDACTED] stated he personally purchased a 1950 Buick Special from the Dakota Motor Company, Grand Forks, North Dakota, and the balance of the money was furnished by the Minnesota National Bank, East Grand Forks, Minnesota, who has a mortgage on the balance and [REDACTED] stated this car was subsequently delivered to CHRISTIANSON.

[REDACTED] stated about this time he became conscience of a feeling of being "out of the picture" and around January 1, 1951, he began to lose interest in the plan.

[REDACTED] stated that after CHRISTIANSON became Attorney General and moved to Bismarck, North Dakota; that he himself gave CHRISTIANSON \$4,000 to apply on the purchase price and he stated this money was for the new home which CHRISTIANSON purchased at Bismarck. [REDACTED] stated further that he took CHRISTIANSON's check for \$4,000, as well as a note.

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Around January 15, 1951, he handled the sale of CHRISTIANSON's home at Cavalier, North Dakota, which was mortgaged, and he managed to receive \$1,800 for himself from the sale of this home.

Around January 6, 1951, [REDACTED] stated he received \$1,000 in campaign contributions from [REDACTED], who operates a place of business between Bismarck and Mandan, North Dakota, as well as from a "big boy" who operates the main night spots at Dickinson, North Dakota. Also, that he obtained from [REDACTED] of Fargo, North Dakota, \$500.

[REDACTED] stated that although he received the \$1,800 from the sale of the house, the \$1,000 in contributions and \$500 from [REDACTED], that CHRISTIANSON was still indebted to him, and that whenever he talked to CHRISTIANSON about his settlement, CHRISTIANSON would find some excuse.

During a conversation in CHRISTIANSON's office in the State Capitol Building, Bismarck, North Dakota, CHRISTIANSON cautioned him from speaking to the F.B.I., and indicated that he, [REDACTED], might have to "frame" some innocent person.

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Sometime in February 1951, [redacted] stated he received a telephone call from CHRISTIANSON, who advised him that F.B.I. Agents had been in his office, and that he had said nothing, and CHRISTIANSON advised [redacted] to say absolutely nothing if he were contacted by the F.B.I. (This information is believed erroneous as no F.B.I. Agents interviewed CHRISTIANSON.)

[redacted] stated that about 36 hours after he received this phone call he received a visit from [redacted], an attorney, from Fargo, North Dakota, and who is associated with CHRISTIANSON. [redacted] told him that he should "beware of the F.B.I." [redacted] stated he told [redacted] that he was through with CHRISTIANSON and that both went to the Dakota Hotel where [redacted] telephonically contacted CHRISTIANSON and at that time [redacted] stated he told CHRISTIANSON what he thought of him.

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During the latter part of March 1951, CHRISTIANSON came to Grand Forks, North Dakota, and [redacted] stated he arranged a meeting between CHRISTIANSON, [redacted] Devils Lake, North Dakota, and himself, and at that meeting he heard CHRISTIANSON definitely give [redacted] orders to contact all "spots" and to advise them to open wide up. CHRISTIANSON also advised [redacted] that he was interested in collecting the 10% from the proceeds taken in by the machines.

[redacted] advised shortly after April 1, 1951, he telephonically contacted [redacted] Bismarck, North Dakota, and advised [redacted] to pay off immediately or he would "blow the whole thing wide open"; within a few hours

[redacted] arrived in Grand Forks, North Dakota, and gave him, [redacted], his personal check for \$1550. [redacted] stated this check was in complete payment of all indebtedness between him self and CHRISTIANSON; that he thereafter returned to CHRISTIANSON the \$4,000 check and his personal note.

[redacted] also remarked that CHRISTIANSON has a brother-in-law residing at Crystal, North Dakota, who was sent to the Mayflower Distributing Company for two or three months to obtain information regarding machines.

[redacted] stated he feels confident that ELMO CHRISTIANSON has received in excess of \$15,000 from HERMAN PASTER, and other operators and individuals connected with the

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above scheme prior to his taking office as Attorney General on January 1, 1951.

[ ] further stated as far as he knows, the original scheme has been put into operation, and that in specially the western part of North Dakota the machines are operating, and that considerable money is being made.

[ ] advised that he was in Minneapolis, Minnesota, on June 20, 1951, and stopped at the Nicollet Hotel, and that while there he was approached by both PASTER and ALLEN NILVA. PASTER told him that he understood, that he, [ ] had been doing a lot of talking to the F.B.I. NILVA and PASTER suggested that they have a conference the following morning, but [ ] stated he became frightened and immediately returned to Grand Forks, North Dakota.

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[ ] stated he could have overlooked some information which might be pertinent, but that he would be willing to give whatever assistance he can in the future, and he stated if his testimony were needed in court, that he would be more than glad to testify.

[ ] also loaned this office a three page handwritten letter, dated January 29, 1951, signed by [ ] Pioneer Sales Company, Williston, North Dakota, and this letter is being transmitted herewith to the Bureau with the other two items previously mentioned, in order that photostatic copies of the same may be made.

In view of the fact that previous reports from the Omaha Office make reference to the fact that no specific investigation should be conducted unless instructed, this office will continue to be on the alert to receive information and if same is received the Bureau and interested offices will be appropriately advised. -

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SAC,  
Director, FBI

August 3, 1951

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Reference is made to the report of SA [REDACTED] dated 4-5-51 at Omaha, which contains leads for the field divisions receiving copies of this letter. This report pointed out that unless otherwise instructed to the contrary no action was to be taken in covering those leads which would conceivably throw suspicion to the existence of this investigation.

Investigation to date in this case has not indicated recent activity on the part of subjects to consummate deals for the purchase of slot machines, which deals were imminent at the time of the submission of referenced report.

Investigation in this matter should be given continuous investigative attention. Leads outstanding are to be covered by all auxiliary offices to develop complete information, in order that this investigation may be brought to a logical conclusion.

All allegations which have been received by the Minneapolis Division concerning the activities of the Mayflower Distributing Company and its officials, which would indicate a violation of Public Law 906, should be made the subject of a separate investigation, in which Minneapolis should be considered office of origin. An investigation relating to the Mayflower Distributing Company by the Minneapolis Office must be given preferred attention.

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 8-11-51

FROM: SAC, Springfield

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] WAS, ET AL  
I T G DEnclosed is one copy of the report of SA [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Springfield, dated 7-6-51, as per your  
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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: August 14, 1951

FROM : SAC, Minneapolis

SUBJECT: [redacted] was., etal  
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Re Minneapolis memo to Bureau dated August 2, 1951, reflecting that the only company listed for Minnesota registered with the Attorney General was Jerry's Coin Machine Repair, 410 North Syndicate Street, St. Paul, Minnesota.

A separate file (Mpls 71-172) entitled "JERRY'S COIN MACHINE REPAIR, ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA, ITGD," was opened, and in that file there is being obtained some information concerning the background of JERRY T. [redacted] OUSKA, who operate Jerry's Coin Machine Repair.

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Records at the St. Paul Credit Bureau, Endicott Building, St. Paul, Minnesota, were checked on August 8, 1951, for JERRY T. [redacted] OUSKA, and their records reflect that JERRY T. OUSKA, wife [redacted] reside at 894 Grand Avenue, Apartment 203, St. Paul, and that his occupation is given as President of Jerry's Coin Repair, 401 North Syndicate Street, St. Paul. His record reflects he has a good credit record but does not use it very much. His previous address was 1776 Hague Avenue; in 1949 he was 54 years of age; and he has one son who is a student at the University of Minnesota. This record reflects his previous occupation as head mechanic at Mayflower Novelty Company.

A record also was located for [redacted], St. Paul, which reflects that in 1949 he lived at [redacted] and in 1949-50 at [redacted] St. Paul. The record reflects he was married April 13, 1949, to [redacted] St. Paul. His occupation is given as [redacted] at Jerry's Coin Repair.

The above information should be borne in mind in conducting further investigation regarding this case, bearing in mind that HERMAN PASTER, Etal, may possibly have an interest in Jerry's Coin Machine Repair of Minneapolis, or may be owner of same "Behind the Scene."

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cc: Chicago (71-5140)

Omaha (71-206)

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: August 21, 1951

FROM : SAC, Minneapolis

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] was., ET AL  
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The following information is being submitted in order that it may be available to the various offices in connection with future investigations. This information will subsequently be incorporated in an appropriate investigative report, copies of which will be designated for the U. S. Attorney at St. Paul, Minnesota.

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Records of the Motor Vehicle Division, State Capitol, St. Paul, Minnesota, were checked on August 9, 1951 for the following names:

HERMAN PASTER

[REDACTED]  
Paster Distributing Company  
Mayflower Distributing Company  
Mayflower Novelty Company[REDACTED]  
ALLEN NILVA

As a result of checking these records, it was ascertained that the following individuals and firms have automobiles registered to them:

HERMAN PASTER  
1752 Pinehurst Avenue  
St. Paul 5, Minnesota

and

Paster Distributing Company  
2218 University Avenue  
St. Paul 4, Minnesota1949 Cadillac Touring Sedan  
Serial Number 4962 90480  
1951 Minnesota License 821-001  
Had 1950 Minnesota License 401-006RNPr/gsf  
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and

Paster Distributing Company  
2218 University Avenue  
St. Paul 4, Minnesota

1949 Cadillac Four-door Sedan  
Serial Number 4960 47766  
1951 Minnesota License 821-632  
Had 1950 Minnesota License 515-738

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Paster Distributing Company  
2218 University Avenue  
St. Paul 4, Minnesota

1947 Ford Truck  
Serial Number 799 T 1959606  
1951 Minnesota License Y109-257  
Had 1950 Minnesota License Y64-709

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Paster Distributing Company  
2218 University Avenue  
St. Paul 4, Minnesota

1949 Studebaker Truck  
Serial Number R5 006293  
1951 Minnesota License Y109-256  
Had 1950 Minnesota License Y37-787

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Mayflower Distributing Company  
2218 University Avenue  
St. Paul 4, Minnesota

1950 Chevrolet Truck  
Serial Number 21HJC 9544  
1951 Minnesota Duplicate License Y83  
Had Original 1951 Minnesota License Y95-328 and  
1950 Minnesota License Y10-328

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Mayflower Distributing Company  
2218 University Avenue  
St. Paul 4, Minnesota

1949 Chevrolet Truck  
Serial Number 21 SWA 1522  
1951 Minnesota License Y109-258  
Had 1950 Minnesota License Y82-678

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1949 Cadillac Four-door  
Serial Number 4962 68128  
1951 Minnesota License 662-367  
Had 1950 Minnesota License 530-673



1949 Plymouth Four-door Sedan  
Serial Number 153 25273  
1951 Minnesota License 653-782  
Had 1950 Minnesota License 533-729



1950 Oldsmobile Four-door "98" Sedan  
Serial Number 509M 15890  
1951 Minnesota License 653-781  
Had 1950 Minnesota License 870-816

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No record was found for the Mayflower Novelty Company and  
the following registration was also noted:

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1946 Chrysler Four-door  
Serial Number 7054 4077  
1951 Minnesota License 333-795  
Had 1950 Minnesota License 136-366

SAC, Minneapolis

August 15, 1951

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Reurlet August 7, 1951, in which you point out that due to the association and relationship between Herman Paster and Allen Milva it was your desire to report all information concerning Paster and the Mayflower Distributing Company in the current investigation being conducted under the caption [redacted] was., et al."

No objection to this procedure is made by the Bureau as it appears that these investigations are so interrelated that they would necessarily fall within the same investigation.

The information provided the Bureau by your letter dated July 23, 1951, concerning Attorney General Elmo T. Christianson of North Dakota should be borne in mind by Agents conducting this investigation. Any information coming to your attention which corroborates or reflects additional activity concerning Christianson should be immediately provided the Bureau by letter.

You are instructed to give immediate and continuous investigative attention to this case and to advise the Bureau immediately of all pertinent developments.

cc: Omaha (71-206)  
Chicago (71-514)  
Springfield (71-100)

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TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Minneapolis

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] was., ET AL  
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DATE: August 7, 1951

ReBulet dated 8/3/51 reflecting that the activities of the Mayflower Distributing Company and its officials should be made the subject of a separate investigation in which Minneapolis should be considered office of origin.

The above-captioned [REDACTED] case contains detailed information concerning both the Mayflower Distributing Company and the Paster Distributing Company as both are located at 2218 University Avenue in St. Paul, Minnesota, and the officials of both companies are HERMAN PASTER and ALLEN NILVA.

Inasmuch as the companies are located in the same building and are both operated by the same individuals, it is felt that possibly the Bureau may desire to have this office continue to report in the above-captioned [REDACTED] file all additional information which is developed concerning these companies and officers rather than open another file for the reason that if another file is opened, similar or identical information will then have to be reported in both files.

Unless the Bureau advises to the contrary, this office will continue to report in the [REDACTED] case all additional data which is obtained regarding both companies and officers.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Paster Distributing Company, 2218 University Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, not registered with AG under Public Law 906. Mayflower Distributing Company, 2218 University Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, with branch at 1209 Douglas Street, Omaha, Nebraska, registered with AG June 4, 1951; that Omaha branch not registered officially. HERMAN PASTER, President, and ALLEN ISADORE NILVA, Vice President, of above firms not registered officially as individuals.

*1cc to Mr. Jerny 8-30-51*

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**DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D.C.**

On August 13, 1951, the writer contacted  Official Registrar of Records under Public Law 906 in the Office of Mr. CHARLES A. McNELIS, Attorney, Department of Justice, Room 3524, who advised that the Paster Distributing Company, 2218 University Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, has not registered with the Attorney General; that the Mayflower Distributing Company, 2218 University Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, with branch at 1209 Douglas Street, Omaha, Nebraska, registered with the Attorney General on June 4, 1951; that the Omaha branch has not registered officially.  stated that HERMAN PASTER, President, and ALLEN ISADORE NILVA, Vice President, of the above firms have not registered officially as individuals.

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REFERENCE: Letter from Minneapolis Division, dated August 2, 1951.

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Copies of the 1949 and 1950 income tax returns mentioned in relet have been requested and will be forwarded to you when received.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Director, FBI

DATE: August 7, 1951

SAC, Minneapolis

SUBJECT: [redacted], was., ET AL  
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OF GAMBLING DEVICES

In connection with instant investigation, it would be appreciated if the Bureau, through its contacts with the Treasury Department, could obtain for this office photostatic copies (certified not necessary) of the 1949 and 1950 Federal Income Tax Returns for the following:

Mayflower Distributing Company, 2218 University Avenue,  
St. Paul, Minnesota

Paster Distributing Company, 2218 University Avenue, St.  
Paul, Minnesota

Ajax Refrigeration Company, 2218 University Avenue, St.  
Paul, Minnesota

Progress Finance Company, 2218 University Avenue, St. Paul,  
Minnesota

Holly Sales Company, 2218 University Avenue, St. Paul,  
Minnesota

Mr. [redacted] HERMAN [redacted] PASTER, 2127 Juliet Avenue,  
St. Paul, Minnesota

ALLEN I. NILVA, Attorney, 283 Carroll Avenue, St. Paul,  
Minnesota

[redacted]  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

[redacted] Fargo, North Dakota, whose name must be kept STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL, confidentially advised on August 3, 1951, that [redacted] and [redacted] of the Internal Revenue Bureau, Minneapolis, Minnesota, are presently working on an income tax case relating to HERMAN PASTER and the Mayflower Novelty Company.

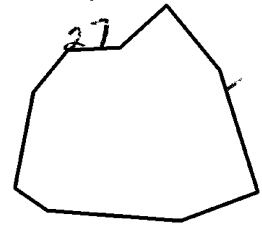
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August 25, 1951.

The Honorable,  
The Secretary of the Treasury,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

In connection with an official investigation being conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation it would be appreciated if you would furnish me with uncertified copies of the 1949 and 1950 income tax returns for the following:

Mayflower Distributing Company  
2218 University Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota  
Paster Distributing Company  
2218 University Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota  
Ajax Refrigeration Company  
2218 University Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota  
Progress Finance Company  
2218 University Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota  
Holly Sales Company  
2218 University Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota  
Mr. Herman Paster  
2127 Juliet Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota  
Allen V. Milva, Attorney  
283 Carroll Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Sincerely yours,

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Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **OMAHA**

FILE NO. **71-514**

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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>CHICAGO, ILLINOIS</b>   | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>9/6/51</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>7/31; 8/8,9,14,21,22,27,29/51</b> | REPORT MADE BY<br><div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 1.2em; display: inline-block;"></div> <b>KON:bjd</b> |
| TITLE<br><div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 1.2em; display: inline-block;"></div> <b>was., et al</b> |                                 |   | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF GAMBLING DEVICES</b>   |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

doing business as  and described as one-time slot machine operator and now has a county monopoly on juke boxes, bowling game machines, ray guns and so forth. **CARL****RUPRECHT** or **RUPERT** identified as holders of Wheeling, Illinois telephone number 36 and determined to be owners of Rupert Parachute Service Company and described as legitimate business men not known to be engaged in other business. Balke's Store unknown to all logical sources in Summit, Illinois.

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**DETAILS: AT SAVANNA, ILLINOIS**

On July 31, 1951, **WALDO J. FRASURE**, Acting Chief of Police at Savanna, Illinois, informed that  doing business as the , Savanna, Illinois, is the holder of telephone number . **FRASURE** further informed that  resides at , Savanna, Illinois, and holds telephone number  at that address. Acting Chief **FRASURE** described  as a one time slot machine operator in Carroll County, Illinois, and a man who now has a county monopoly on juke boxes, bowling game machines, ray guns, and so forth. **FRASURE** further informed that about four years ago the Police Department had confiscated a slot machine from the Indian Head Tavern, Savanna, Illinois, which machine was the property of . He further informed that Sheriff **HARRY MILLER** of Mount Carroll also has

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two slot machines now in his possession taken in the same raid and presumably owned by [ ] at the time of seizure. According to FRASURE, [ ] has been in Carroll County for approximately ten years and came to that place from either Sterling or Freeport, Illinois. He reportedly has a brother-in-law who is also a coin machine operator.

AT WHEELING, ILLINOIS

On August 9, 1951 [ ] Chief Telephone Operator, Wheeling, Illinois, identified the holder of telephone number 36 as the Rupert Parachute Service Company located on Palatine Road, west of Milwaukee Avenue and across from the Pal-Waukee Airport. She had no other information concerning the holders of this number.

Chief of Police H. A. MACKH, on the same day, stated that although he is acquainted with the Rupert Parachute Service Company, it is not located within the jurisdiction of the town of Wheeling, Illinois. He did state, however, that this business is run by two brothers, only one of which he could identify as CARL RUPERT. He stated it is his belief that this company is engaged in the business of making parachutes under government contract, and that while the youngest brother, whom he could not identify, runs the shop and lives above the factory in the same building, the older brother, CARL, does considerable traveling and apparently is engaged in making exhibition parachute jumps from time to time. Chief MACKH stated he has never heard anything derogatory concerning the two brothers and stated to his knowledge they are not engaged in any other business, nor do they have an interest in any other business or concession.

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MACKH suggested that the owner of [ ] Texaco Service Station would be able to supply more information concerning the RUPERT family.

On August 27, 1951 [ ] proprietor of the Texaco Service Station on Milwaukee Avenue in Wheeling, stated that the RUPERT family trades with him, and he identified the younger brother as [ ].

He stated that CARL RUPERT is approximately 45 years old and he is married for the third time and [ ]. He stated CARL RUPERT has been married to [ ] for about four or five years since his divorce from his second wife [ ].

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[ ] further described CARL RUPERT as a member of the Masons who had a "big shot" air about him, and it was his belief that CARL spends most of his time making parachute jumps in California.

He estimated [ ] age as approximately 32 and stated that [ ] was presently building a new home in Arlington Heights near the Arlington Park Race Track. He stated he knew nothing derogatory concerning the two brothers except that CARL RUPERT was arrested about four or five years ago by the Cook County Sheriff's Office in connection with a domestic incident between himself and his second wife [ ].

On August 29, 1951 [ ] Airport Manager of the Pal-Waukee Airport, stated that he is familiar with the RUPERT Parachute Service Company and the fact that while that company is owned by CARL RUPERT (true name RUPERT), it is being run by [ ]. He stated the company is engaged in the business of manufacturing and packing cargo breaking and ribbon parachutes.

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He stated that while [ ] runs the business, CARL is employed as a consultant parachute engineer for the Cook Research and Engineering Company of California. It was also his opinion that CARL lives somewhere in the vicinity of Muroc, California and visits Chicago about every three months. It was also his belief that the RUPERT company has on occasion when given specifications by one of the armed forces, made up special parachutes for test purposes. [ ] noted that the husband of the clerk in his, [ ], office, [ ] is employed by [ ]. He stated that [ ] wife and one other individual are the only employees working with [ ]. He stated that he knew of nothing derogatory concerning the RUPERT brothers.

During the period of this investigation, occasional checks were made of the cars parked in the RUPERT yard, and while no significance was attached to any local cars, there were three cars from California observed as follows:

1. Green Ford convertible, California license 1C-25151.
2. Black Oldsmobile, 2-door convertible, California license 514694.
3. Gray Studebaker, 2-door, California license 2N731130.

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AT MORTON GROVE, ILLINOIS

On August 22, 1951 Sergeants [ ] and [ ] of the Cook County Sheriff's Office, advised that they had no derogatory information concerning the Rupert Parachute Service Company or any individuals associated with that company.

AT SUMMIT, ILLINOIS

With regard to the place identified as Balkers Store telephonically contacted by [ ] on January 29, 1951, it is noted that no name of this type could be found in the Chicago and Suburban Chicago Directories. It is also noted that there is no telephone exchange of Argo, Illinois and this community is merely the location of the Argo Corn Products Company and is actually a part of Summit, Illinois.

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The following individuals and sources of information were checked by the writer without effecting an identification of Balkers Store:

Sergeant [ ] Summit Police Department  
Chief of Police JOHN VAN ORT  
Judge CZEKOLA

[ ]  
Summit, Illinois Telephone Exchange  
Public Service Company  
Argo Branch of the Summit Post Office  
Summit Post Office

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THE OMAHA DIVISION

AT OMAHA, NEBRASKA

Will consider the advisability of conducting further investigation relative to CARL RUPRECHT, also known as RUPERT, in California where he is said to be associated with the Cook Research and Engineering Company at or in the vicinity of Muroc, California.

Will also consider the advisability of determining the owners of the cars bearing California license plates as noted in the details of this report.

REFERENCE: Report of SA [REDACTED] dated July 6, 1951  
at Springfield.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: September 20, 1951

FROM : SAC, MINNEAPOLIS

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

SUBJECT: [redacted] was, et al  
 INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF  
 GAMBLING DEVICES  
 (Bufile 71-3129)

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| Mr. Tolson   | ..... |
| Mr. Ladd     | ..... |
| Mr. Clegg    | ..... |
| Mr. Glavin   | ..... |
| Mr. Nichols  | ..... |
| Mr. Rosen    | ..... |
| Mr. Tracy    | ..... |
| Mr. Harbo    | ..... |
| Mr. Alden    | ..... |
| Mr. Belmont  | ..... |
| Mr. Laughlin | ..... |
| Mr. Mohr     | ..... |
| Tele. Room   | ..... |
| Mr. Nease    | ..... |
| Mr. Gandy    | ..... |

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated August 15, 1951, in  
 above captioned matter.

On September 6, 1951, [redacted]  
 Grand Forks, North Dakota, advised Special Agent [redacted]  
 [redacted] that on September 5, 1951, he had been contacted by an  
 individual whom he knew as [redacted]. He informed that [redacted]  
 was a resident of Bismarck, North Dakota, and that it was his  
 opinion that [redacted] had a criminal record.

[redacted] related that [redacted] had offered to sell him ten  
 flat top or console machines. He stated that [redacted] had told  
 him that two of the machines were located in "a joint" at Sterling,  
 North Dakota, and that the other eight were scattered in the western  
 part of North Dakota. [redacted] said further that [redacted] had  
 informed him that he, [redacted], would deliver them any place in the  
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[redacted] advised that [redacted] had informed him that he had  
 paid ELMER T. CHRISTIANSON, present Attorney General of the state  
 of North Dakota the sum of \$1000 to operate punchboards in the  
 state of North Dakota. He stated further that [redacted] had advised  
 him that he had also agreed to pay CHRISTIANSON the sum of \$500  
 a week after the boards were put in operation.

[redacted] advised that it was his opinion that [redacted] had  
 learned that he, [redacted] had received settlement money from  
 CHRISTIANSON on a former date. He said that [redacted] had offered  
 to give him half of all the money that he, [redacted] could collect  
 from CHRISTIANSON.

[redacted] related further that [redacted] had informed him that  
 EMIL C. CHRISTIANSON, who operates the State Line Club at Williston,  
 North Dakota, had bought out [redacted] of the late  
 LOU STEARNS of Minot, North Dakota. He advised that [redacted] had  
 reported to him that EMIL C. CHRISTIANSON had paid [redacted] the sum  
 of \$2500 for all the machines operated by [redacted].

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| TITLE<br><div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 15px;"></div> was., ET AL  |                           |   | CHARACTER OF CASE<br>INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF GAMBLING DEVICES                         |    |
| <p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p>Records at Motor Vehicle Division, St. Paul, Minnesota, checked for data regarding cars owned by subject and associates. Background data concerning business set-up set forth for both Mayflower Distributing Company and Paster Distributing Company of St. Paul, Minnesota.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p>DETAILS:                      <u>AT ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA</u></p> <p>Records of the Motor Vehicle Division, State Capitol, St. Paul, Minnesota, were checked on August 9, 1951, for the following names:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> <del>HERMAN PASTER</del><br/> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 15px;"></div><br/> Paster Distributing Company<br/> Mayflower Distributing Company<br/> Mayflower Novelty Company<br/> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 15px;"></div><br/> <del>ALLEN NILVA</del> </p> <p>As a result of checking these records, it was ascertained that the following individuals and firms have automobiles registered to them:</p> |                           |   |  |    |
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| APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>M. B. Rhodes</i>  |                           | SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE                                       |  |    |
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HERMAN PASTER  
1752 Pinehurst Avenue  
St. Paul 5, Minnesota

and

Paster Distributing Company  
2218 University Avenue  
St. Paul 4, Minnesota

1949 Cadillac Touring Sedan  
Serial Number 4962 90480  
1951 Minnesota License 821-001  
Had 1950 Minnesota License 401-006

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and

Paster Distributing Company  
2218 University Avenue  
St. Paul 4, Minnesota

1949 Cadillac Four-door Sedan  
Serial Number 4960 47766  
1951 Minnesota License 821-632  
Had 1950 Minnesota License 515-738

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Paster Distributing Company  
2218 University Avenue  
St. Paul 4, Minnesota

1947 Ford Truck  
Serial Number 799 T 1959606  
1951 Minnesota License Y109-257  
Had 1950 Minnesota License Y64-709

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Paster Distributing Company  
2218 University Avenue  
St. Paul 4, Minnesota

1949 Studebaker Truck  
Serial Number R5 006293  
1951 Minnesota License Y109-256  
Had 1950 Minnesota License Y37-787

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Mayflower Distributing Company  
2218 University Avenue  
St. Paul 4, Minnesota

1950 Chevrolet Truck  
Serial Number 21HJC 9544  
1951 Minnesota Duplicate License Y83  
Had Original 1951 Minnesota License Y95-328 and  
1950 Minnesota License Y10-328

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Mayflower Distributing Company  
2218 University Avenue  
St. Paul 4, Minnesota

1949 Chevrolet Truck  
Serial Number 21 SWA 1522  
1951 Minnesota License Y109-258  
Had 1950 Minnesota License Y82-678

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ALLEN I. NILVA  
1830 Hillcrest  
St. Paul 5, Minnesota

1949 Cadillac Four-door  
Serial Number 4962 68128  
1951 Minnesota License 662-367  
Had 1950 Minnesota License 530-673

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1949 Plymouth Four-door Sedan  
Serial Number 153 25273  
1951 Minnesota License 653-782  
Had 1950 Minnesota License 533-729

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1950 Oldsmobile Four-door "98" Sedan  
Serial Number 509M 15890  
1951 Minnesota License 653-781  
Had 1950 Minnesota License 870-816

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


No record was found for the Mayflower Novelty Company and the following registration was also noted:



1946 Chrysler Four-door  
Serial Number 7054 4077  
1951 Minnesota License 333-795  
Had 1950 Minnesota License 136-366

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AT SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA

Confidential Informant  of known reliability, advised Special Agent   
 on August 8, 1951, in reference to the Mayflower Distributing Company

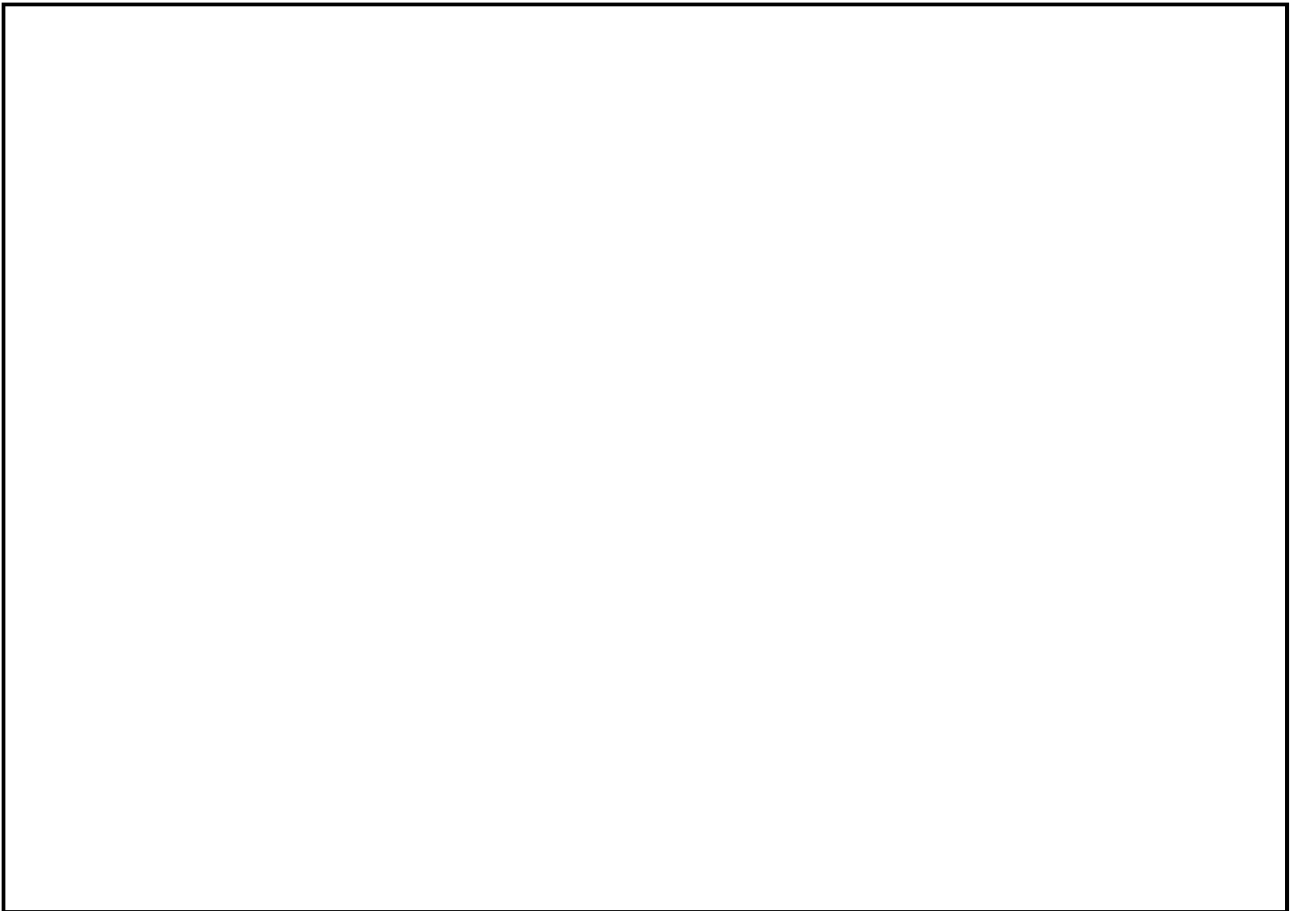
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and the Paster Distributing Company in St. Paul, Minnesota, that he was acquainted with HERMAN PASTER and [REDACTED]. He stated that he has not seen either one of them for several years and that, to his knowledge, they have not tried to place any slot machines or other gambling devices in Sioux Falls or that vicinity for quite some time, but that all of the slot machines in that area have been under the control of [REDACTED], who is presently in the Minnehaha County Jail serving a sentence for possession of gambling machines. He advised, however, that he would be on the lookout for any information relative to either the Mayflower or the Paster Distributing Companies in reference to their attempting to place machines in the Sioux Falls area or any other place, and upon receipt of such information, he will immediately notify Agent [REDACTED].

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AT ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA



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The Chicago and Springfield Offices are being furnished copies of this report for information purposes inasmuch as they are interested in instant investigation.

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THE MINNEAPOLIS OFFICE

At Minneapolis, Minnesota

Will continue to report any additional information which is received regarding instant case.

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R E F E R E N C E S

Report of SA  (A), Washington, D. C., dated August 17, 1951.

Bureau letter to Minneapolis dated August 15, 1951.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (71-3129)

DATE: September 18, 1951.

FROM : SAC, OMAHA

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] was, et al,  
INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF  
GAMBLING DEVICES.Re Reports of SA [REDACTED] Springfield, Illinois, and SA  
[REDACTED] Omaha, Nebraska, 4-5-51.b6  
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A report is presently in the process of preparation, which should reach the Bureau and offices receiving copies of this letter on or about 10-1-51.

Constant contact has been maintained with informants at Davenport, Iowa, without any intimation having been received that the Subjects of this case, or others, have indulged in any activity of a pertinent nature since early March, 1951, with the exception of a superficial inquiry by [REDACTED] Le Claire, Iowa, of officials of the Elks Lodge, Davenport, Iowa, on June 1, 1951, at which time [REDACTED] indicated that he might be interested in purchasing same at an unspecified time in the future.

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cc Springfield (71-100)

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: September 24, 1951

FROM : SAC, MINNEAPOLIS

SUBJECT: [ ] was. ETAL  
 INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF  
 GAMBLING DEVICES  
 (Bufile 71-3129)

Re our memo dated June 27, 1951 relative to information furnished by [ ]

[ ] who is a potential criminal informant and whose identity should not be divulged to anyone outside the Bureau, advised on September 22, 1951 that upon his return to St. Paul from a business trip to the West Coast, he was telephonically contacted by [ ]

[ ] for the Mayflower Distributing Company, 2218 University Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota. [ ] advised [ ] that he was expecting a shipment of 70 coin operated machines from Chicago, Illinois, which was to arrive in St. Paul on the evening of September 23, 1951 via the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railroad. [ ] stated further to [ ] that he desired that this shipment be routed to trackage which adjoins the warehouse of the Mayflower Distributing Company in Midway in St. Paul. [ ] however, stated to [ ] that he would be unable to transfer this car to this trackage in view of the fact that he would have other freight in this car designated for St. Paul, and that he was unloading and that he would have this car unloaded at the Central Shipping Association warehouse in St. Paul and the coin operated machines would be re-transferred to the Mayflower Distributing Company via a local truck line. [ ] stated to [ ] that when this car arrived he would notify him as to its arrival.

[ ] advised agents of this office that when these machines arrived, that he intended to make an inspection of the various boxes in which they arrived to determine whether there were any slot machines in this shipment and if so, would advise the Minneapolis office. [ ] stated further that in the event there were any slot machines in this shipment, that to protect his identity he desired if any investigation was conducted, that the investigation be initiated in Chicago, Illinois, which would in no way involve him as to having furnished any information relative to this shipment.

[ ] remarked that he personally would not care to have FBI agents come to his warehouse and look over the boxes as there were too many other employees around there, one of whom might tip off officials at the Mayflower Distributing Company and as a result, he himself, might be put on the spot. It might be stated when [ ] is contacted by agents of this office, he is contacted away from his place of business and [ ] who is employed in the office, knows nothing of his furnishing information to the FBI.

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[ ] further suggested that if he does find a slot machine or two in this shipment, that he feels that the Chicago office should probably send an agent or two to the consignor whose name he will subsequently furnish, and have such agents look through various and sundry freight shipments from Chicago to St. Paul, Minnesota, and then, of course, pick out the shipment which he will have furnished information about. [ ] stated that he believes that if this is done someone in the consignor's office will then immediately phone the Mayflower Distributing Company in St. Paul and tip them off, and if this is done [ ] is then in the clear as the Mayflower Distributing Company officials will then know that the original complaint must have been made at Chicago and not in St. Paul.

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[ ] stated that cognizance should be taken of the fact that it is possible that several slot machines, if they would be in this shipment, could be in a "knocked down condition" and be shipped in the same container. He advised further that this shipment may contain ordinary coin operated machines which are not considered as slot machines.

[ ] advised agents of this office that in approximately one week he

[ ] He stated that he desired to furnish all information to the Minneapolis office relative to the shipment of any gambling devices and would do so upon receipt of this information.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>Springfield, Illinois</b>   | DATE WHEN MADE<br>9-24-51 | 7-9, 25, 28; 9-6, 11.17-51  | REPORT MADE BY<br><div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 15px;"></div> aw |
| TITLE<br><div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 15px;"></div> was et al  |                           | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF GAMBLING DEVICES</b>   |   |
| <p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b> Reputations of <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 15px;"></div> and <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 15px;"></div> contacts made by <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 15px;"></div> considered law abiding. No further information developed regarding alleged negotiations by <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 15px;"></div> at Rock Island, Illinois, 3-1-51.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- RUC -</p> <p><b>DETAILS: AT MILAN, ILLINOIS</b></p> <p><div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 15px;"></div> Knoxville Road, stated that from approximately 1944 to 1950, he jointly owned and operated juke boxes, vending machines, pin ball machines, and a very small number of slots in the Rock Island area in conjunction with <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 15px;"></div> manager of the <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 15px;"></div> Rock Island.</p> <p>He said he has known <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 15px;"></div> of the H &amp; H Music Company, 1304 4th Avenue, Moline, Illinois, for about 6 years and considers him to be a reputable vending machine dealer, whose business is comparatively small in scope. <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 15px;"></div> said he would not judge <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 15px;"></div> to be the type of person who might serve a syndicate type of organization or act as a contact to an unlawful transaction.</p> <p>It is to be noted that telephone numbers listed in <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 15px;"></div> name were contacted on 6 occasions by <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 15px;"></div> between December 5, 1950, and March 18, 1951.</p> <p><div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 15px;"></div> stated that in his opinion, <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 15px;"></div> who formerly owned a large number of slot machines, is probably the largest coin operating machine dealer in the Rock Island area, and that he would most likely be susceptible to unlawful practices. <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 15px;"></div> explained that he bought the <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 15px;"></div> from him during the later part of 1950, and</p> |                           |   |   |
| APPROVED AND FORWARDED:<br><div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 40px; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"><div style="font-size: 2em; margin-right: 10px;">R. N. Hastings</div><div style="font-size: 0.8em;">SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE</div></div>  |                           | DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES  |   |
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that he has felt that [ ] deprived him of a large portion of the true value of this firm because of the absence of any written sales agreement in this transaction, which was described by [ ] as an "under the counter deal."

[ ] said that he knows of no coin operating machine dealer who had been approached during the past year in the Rock Island area concerning sale of slot machines. He said that during the period that slot machines were prevalent in the Rock Island area, he would estimate that probably 3,000 machines were in operation. At the time of the gambling "crackdown", in 1950, these machine which were owned by several agencies were surreptitiously stored or otherwise hidden in the hope that gambling would be restored. [ ] said that he had no idea where these machines might be at the present time, but in his opinion would not be centrally located at Rock Island, Illinois.

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Confidential informant [ ] of known reliability, has been unable to furnish further information of value to this investigation.

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Confidential informant [ ] of unknown reliability, advised that he had known [ ] of the H & H Music Company for a number of years and had never heard anything to indicate that he was involved in the slot machine racket.

By reason that no apparent contact had been made by [ ] or [ ] with [ ] New York Tavern, 1607 2nd Avenue, on or about March 1, 1951, [ ] was directly approached. He stated that he had not had slots on the premises of the tavern for a year or more and that no one had approached him concerning sale of same. [ ] advised that at no time had he owned the slots which were on the premises.

[ ] appeared uncooperative when questioned further regarding actual owners of these slots stating that he "never actually knew who owned them."

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AT CORDOVA, ILLINOIS

[ ] postmaster and [ ] assistant postmaster, advised that [ ] was a resident of the community of approximately 300 population.

[ ] is a distributor of coin operating machines from Clinton, Iowa, where he maintains his place of business. He is well regarded in the Community of Cordova and has never been known to engage in unlawful practices.

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Being afflicted with cancer, [ ] is almost completely inactive, at the present time spending a majority of his time on his small farm. He has not been known to accommodate persons unknown to either [ ] or [ ]

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It is to be noted that [ ] was telephonically contacted by [ ] [ ] at Cordova, Illinois, on January 30, 1951.

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Inasmuch as no further activity by the subjects in this case is apparent, in the Rock Island area, it is being referred upon completion to the office of origin. If further information of interest is developed by Springfield, interested offices will be advised.

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REFERENCE

Report of SA  Springfield, dated 7-6-51.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: September 29, 1951

FROM : SAC, OMAHA

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] Was. ET AL  
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Reference report of SA [REDACTED] dated April 5, 1951 at Omaha and Omaha teletype dated September 20, 1951.

[REDACTED] has been interviewed and orally furnished the following information:

He was employed during 1943 by HERMAN PASTER of the Paster Distributing Company of St. Paul, Minnesota, as a [REDACTED] for that company in the Davenport, Iowa, area and continued as such until during April 1951 when he quit after HERMAN PASTER refused to pay him \$12,000.00 in accumulated bonuses which he had earned under the terms of a long existent but unprovable oral agreement. [REDACTED] professes hatred of PASTER, NILVA and the PASTER interests in general and stated he will be a willing Government witness in this case.

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During February 1951 HERMAN PASTER contacted him several times by long distance telephone, advising that the Paster Distributing Company desired to acquire as many slots as possible at sacrifice prices for distribution over a wide area including Chicago and New York City, pointing out that many slots still in possession of Iowa owners should be readily available at nominal prices in view of the extremely severe penalties concerning the mere possession of slots in Iowa provided in legislation passed by Iowa Legislature in February 1951. [REDACTED] said that PASTER put excessive pressure on him to line up machines. [REDACTED] may have a letter from PASTER to the same effect and is checking his old files for same.

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Shortly prior to March 1, 1951, [REDACTED] advised PASTER that he had lined up several quantities of slots available for purchase in the Davenport area, and on that date [REDACTED] arrived in Davenport via train to purchase same.

On the same date [REDACTED] contacted [REDACTED] American Legion Post No. 26, Davenport, Iowa, and [REDACTED] and made arrangements to purchase 28 slots from the Post for \$35.00 each. Seven of these slots were then in storage at the post premises in Davenport and the remaining 21 were in storage at the Voss Brothers Transfer Warehouse in Rock Island, Illinois. On the same date [REDACTED]

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made arrangements to purchase ten slots from [redacted] Davenport tavern owner, which slots were then in storage in the basement of Eddie's New Yorker, a night club in Rock Island, Illinois, under previous storage arrangements between [redacted] and [redacted] of Eddie's New Yorker. Also on the same date [redacted] made arrangements with representatives of the Davenport Elks Club to buy 38 slots at \$50.00 each from that club, which machines were stored in Davenport, but as [redacted] had failed to bring any cash with him and was able to cash a check or checks for only enough to buy the legion and [redacted] machines, he made arrangements with the Elks to return to Davenport and complete purchase of their machines on the evening of March 5, 1951. [redacted] also contacted other persons at Davenport in an effort to buy slots on March 1, 1951.

After making the above arrangements, also on March 1, 1951, [redacted] phoned the Paster Distributing Company in St. Paul by long distance phone in [redacted] presence, and made arrangements for a truck to be sent to Davenport for the purpose of transporting the legion and [redacted] machines to St. Paul, Minnesota the following day. In response to [redacted] call, sometime during the evening or night of March 1, 1951, [redacted], an old employee of the Paster Distributing Company, believed to be its [redacted], came to Davenport from St. Paul with a truck rented from an unknown automobile rental agency, probably in St. Paul or possibly in Minneapolis.

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[redacted] said [redacted] is a trusted employee of the Paster interests and an ex con who has been described to him by a number of people as a former mobster or gunman in the Twin Cities. [redacted] describes him as follows:

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[redacted] was uncertain of the description of the truck but it is known to have been owned by a rental concern frequently used by Paster interests. He believed that it may have been a fairly new Dodge, red in color, van-type body with back end open except for metal tail guard



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across the bottom or rear opening. [ ] believed it had the words "Capitol" or "Capital Freight", "Capitol" or "Capital Air Freight", or "Capitol" or "Capital Air Lines" painted somewhere on it and possibly, but not certain, that it may have had a picture of an airplane painted on it.

On the morning of March 2, 1951 [ ] met [ ] at Martin's Cigar Store in downtown Davenport. They then proceeded to Post No. 26 where [ ] was waiting in the truck. [ ] and [ ] loaded the seven slots, previously stored there, into the truck, covering them with a blanket, and rode with [ ] on the truck directly to Rock Island, Illinois where they picked up the remaining 21 slots at Voss Brothers Warehouse, after which [ ] paid [ ] for the machines.

Immediately thereafter [ ] went to Eddie's New Yorker where [ ] and [ ] loaded [ ] slots into the truck, after which [ ] paid [ ] for the slots. [ ] and [ ] were present at that time and witnessed proceedings. After loading the machines at Eddie's New Yorker, [ ] and [ ] left immediately in the truck for St. Paul, Minnesota with the load of machines.

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[ ] told [ ] that he did not plan to re-enter Iowa and would take an undescribed route along the eastern side of the Mississippi, River to Northern Illinois and Wisconsin and cross into St. Paul from Wisconsin as he had learned that the Iowa State authorities might be checking the Iowa Minnesota border. [ ] later told [ ] that he got through to St. Paul o.k.

[ ] cashed a check or checks with the assistance of the Hallgren Music Company of Moline, Illinois on March 1, 1951 in order to get the necessary cash to buy the legion and [ ] machines, and is apparently known to the Hallgren Music Company. [ ] believes that [ ] may have indicated to someone there the purpose for which he desired the cash, as he was not secretive about his dealings at that time.

Due to demands of business in Southwest Iowa, [ ] was unable to spare sufficient time to render a detailed written statement covering the above and other activities of the Paster interests known to him, but has promised to do so on his return home about October 1, 1951.

[ ] and [ ] appear very cooperative and have executed detailed signed statements which appear to verify [ ] above information insofar as it relates to their respective contacts with, and observation of, [ ] and [ ] and sale and deliveries of their machines.

[ ] oral information also confirms that furnished by [ ] and he said he will execute a statement confirming same sometime next week. [ ] is a respected businessman and [ ] is a reputable young lawyer.

[ ], a former slot operator at Davenport, Iowa, orally advised he was also contacted by [ ] at Davenport, Iowa, concerning purchase of available machines about March 1, 1951. Efforts will be made to procure a signed statement from him and numerous other persons at Davenport along the same lines.

[ ] said that all 28 machines sold by Post No. 26 were purchased from the Gardner Music Company, Rock Island, Illinois, over a period from 1946 to 1949, and that Gardner invoices always bore detailed descriptions of serial numbers of each machine.

[ ] was unable to locate data regarding purchase of his machines but said that they were all purchased new direct from Mills Company in Chicago. Three of them were nickel slots, three dime slots and four quarter slots. All were Mills Black Beauties, and were purchased in two lots, the first during the Summer of 1948 and the second during the Summer or Fall of 1949. He believes they were billed to him under his name, but the possibility exists that they may have been billed to Scott County Voiture or Davenport Voiture of Forty and Eight, Davenport, Iowa. Legion and [ ] records have been destroyed or misplaced.

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Springfield is requested to conduct investigation concerning [ ] cashing check or checks at Hallgren Music Company, Moline, Illinois. Also to procure descriptions of slots purchased by Post No. 26 from records of Gardner Music Company, Rock Island, Illinois. Suggest Springfield hold interview of [ ] and others who may have seen [ ] and [ ] in abeyance until photo of them will be available.

Minneapolis is requested to expedite all available photos and detailed descriptions of [ ] and [ ] to Omaha and Springfield. Omaha needs ten copies of [ ] photo in order to exhibit same widely over Iowa in view of [ ] statement to the effect that HERMAN PASTER and [ ] have indicated to him that every private club in Iowa, known to have previously owned slots, was contacted through Paster representatives to purchase slots following enactment of "Minnesota Law" in Iowa in February, 1951. [ ] has also admitted to [ ] having personally purchased slots in various Iowa cities and having personally transported same to St. Paul, Minnesota. It is believed vital that best available photos of both [ ] and [ ] be obtained. Minneapolis is also requested to identify above truck and its rental on or about March 1, 1951. Also to furnish background information and identification record of [ ].

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Chicago is requested to procure full purchase data and description of [ ] slots from records of Mills Company.

Investigation and detailed report with additional leads will be expedited immediately following next interview with [ ]. //

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI - Bufile 71-3129

DATE: October 6, 1951

FROM : SAC, MINNEAPOLIS

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] was, et al  
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Re our memo dated September 24, 1951, containing information furnished by [REDACTED] who was a potential criminal informant and whose identity must not be divulged to anyone outside the Bureau.

If any information furnished by [REDACTED] must be incorporated into an investigative report, copies of which will be designated for the United States Attorney, such report must be worded in such a way that no one can or will ever ascertain the identity of [REDACTED].

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On October 3, 1951, [REDACTED] advised that in regard to the shipment due to arrive in St. Paul, Minnesota, on the evening of September 23, 1951, that this shipment contained a number of crates which were labeled "bowling alley machines." He advised that there were no packages smaller than the bowling alley machines in this shipment which would indicate slot machines or other gambling devices. He stated further that no shipments arriving on that date and subsequent dates at the Paster Company are being shipped from the Bally Amusement Company and the Universal Amusement Company of Chicago, Illinois.

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This informant is constantly on the alert for any gambling devices which might be shipped by the Mayflower Distributing Company or the Paster Distributing Company or which may be received by them.

[REDACTED] advised further that he knows for a fact that it has been the practice of both the Paster and the Mayflower Distributing Companies to send a representative to various parts of the United States where slot machine raids have been conducted by either Police Departments or Sheriffs' Offices and that this representative in turn purchases these machines, in many instances for a price of \$20 a machine, and said machines are then transported to St. Paul, Minnesota, where the Paster and Mayflower Distributing Company will place a new front on the machine and will in turn sell the machines for a considerable profit. [REDACTED] stated that this has been a practice of these companies in the past and that he does not know if this is true or not at the present time.

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Memo to Director

Re: [redacted]

[redacted] advised further that he was advised on October 2, 1951, by a representative of the Paster Company that they have at present fifty "Coney Island" machines presently [redacted] in Chicago, Illinois, which is located at [redacted]. He stated that instructions are to ship these machines to the Paster Company in St. Paul, Minnesota. He stated that he was also advised by this representative that they also have fifty-five "Five Star Universal" machines which are due to arrive in St. Paul, Minnesota, on October 5, 1951. He stated that there are specific instructions in connection with this shipment to send five of said machines to some party in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and that upon the arrival of the bill of lading he will furnish the Minneapolis office with the name of the individual to whom the five machines are to be shipped.

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He also advised that he has learned that it is a practice of both the Paster and the Mayflower Distributing Company to ship in "parts" of machines via air express and that he would possibly be in a position to learn more definitely if this practice is existing at the present time.

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In regard to ALBERT H. GARDNER, a shipping clerk, Mayflower Distributing Company, [redacted] advised that he knew this individual but not well and that it is his impression that GARDNER has charge of the shipping of various machines for the Paster Company.

He also advised that he is well acquainted with the following individuals connected with the Paster Company:

[redacted]  
SAM TARAN, who presently is in Florida;

[redacted]  
HERMAN PASTER;

An individual whose last name is [redacted] who is the [redacted] for the Paster Company. He stated that [redacted] is a very clever individual in connection with the juggling of the books for this company.

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI - Bufile 71-3129

DATE: October 6, 1951

FROM : SAC, MINNEAPOLIS

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] was, et al  
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Re our memo dated September 20, 1951.

New and separate cases are being opened regarding [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and the results of the investigation will be incorporated in new cases which will be captioned as follows:

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI - 71-3129

DATE: October 6, 1951

FROM : SAC, MINNEAPOLIS

SUBJECT: [redacted] was, et al  
INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF GAMBLING  
DEVICES

Re Omaha memo to Bureau dated September 29, 1951, requesting this office to expedite all available photographs and detailed descriptions of [redacted] and [redacted] to Omaha and Springfield.

The report of Special Agent [redacted] Minneapolis, dated March 22, 1951, page 7, contains a description of [redacted] and that same report contains leads for the Baltimore, Washington Field, and St. Louis offices to obtain photographs of [redacted]

The report of Special Agent [redacted] Baltimore, dated April 7, 1951, copies of which were furnished the Omaha, Springfield, and Chicago offices, reflects that there is no photograph of [redacted] available at Dupont at Wilmington, Delaware.

The report of Special Agent [redacted] St. Louis, dated May 1, 1951, copies of which were furnished the Chicago, Omaha, and Springfield offices, reflects that no photograph of [redacted] was located in the Army file.

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The report of Special Agent [redacted] Chicago, dated June 4, 1951, reflects that no record for [redacted] could be located in the C.A.A. at Park Ridge, Illinois. That investigation was predicated upon a report of Special Agent [redacted] Washington, D.C. dated May 1, 1951. Apparently the Minneapolis office was not furnished with a copy of that report, and it is suggested that the Omaha office review that report to determine whether all investigation has been conducted in an effort to locate a photograph of [redacted]

Minneapolis memo to Omaha dated October 2, 1951, transmitted a photograph and description of [redacted] FBI [redacted] Minneapolis teletype to Bureau dated October 2, 1951, requested the Bureau to forward to the Chicago, Minneapolis, Omaha, and Springfield offices the complete identification record, including ten copies of photographs of [redacted] FBI [redacted]

A report is presently being prepared which contains background data concerning [redacted]

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DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, OMAHA U R G E N T

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ON MARCH TWENTYSIX FIFTYONE THEY RENTED TO MAYFLOWER DISTRIBUTING  
COMPANY TWO FORD TRUCKS AND ON MARCH TWENTYSIX A DODGE MAROON COLORED  
TRUCK. PHOTOGRAPHS OF THESE TRUCKS WILL BE TAKEN OCTOBER EIGHT. IT  
IS BELIEVED THE DATE MARCH TWENTYSIX SHOULD HAVE BEEN FEBRUARY TWENTYSIX  
AS INVESTIGATION AT LARSONS REFLECTS ERROR APPARENTLY MADE IN THEIR  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (71-3129)

DATE: October 8, 1951

FROM : SAC, Minneapolis

SUBJECT: [redacted] was. et al  
INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF GAMBLING DEVICES

Reurtele to Bureau and Omaha dated October 4, 1951, reflecting that the Dodge truck referred to is believed to have been located.

This office is retaining a seven page signed statement dated at Minneapolis, Minnesota, October 8, 1951, which was furnished by [redacted] of Larson Transfer Company, Minneapolis, Minnesota, and unsigned copies thereof are being enclosed herewith to the Bureau, Omaha, Chicago and Springfield Offices to be of assistance in conducting outstanding investigation.

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The contents of this statement will be incorporated into an appropriate report which will be prepared very shortly.

There is also transmitted herewith for the attention of the Chicago Office one Super-XX Film Pack containing twelve film of pictures of the Dodge truck which pictures were taken October 8, 1951, and the outside of the box has been appropriately identified by SAS [redacted] and [redacted]

The Chicago Office should develop this film pack and return the negatives, appropriately identified, as well as one set of each picture to the Minneapolis Office and a similar set of these pictures should be forwarded by the Chicago Office to the Bureau, Omaha and Springfield Offices.

The set of photographs furnished to the Minneapolis Office should be identified by the individual in the Chicago Office who developed and printed these pictures, and the name of that individual, as well as his title should likewise be furnished as there is a possibility that he may have to testify in court regarding the development and printing of the set of photographs which the Minneapolis Office will retain in instant file.

X-8 The Omaha Office, after they receive a set of photographs from the Chicago Office, can then determine whether or not they desire eight 8 x 10 photo-

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graphs made, and if so, the Omaha Office should then request the Chicago Office to prepare these larger pictures.

The Chicago Office should expedite the development of this film pack.

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Minneapolis, Minnesota  
October 8, 1951

I, [redacted], give this free and voluntary statement to [redacted] and [redacted], who have identified themselves to me as being Special Agents of the FBI. No promises or threats have been made to me in the giving of this statement, and it is true and correct to the best of my recollection.

I live at [redacted], Minneapolis, Minnesota, telephone [redacted]. I and my parents, [redacted] operate the Larson Transfer Company, 2010 21st Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota, [redacted].

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Our ledger books under the letter "M" contains the following three transactions:

| <u>Date</u><br>1951 | <u>Items</u>  | <u>Debits</u>                    | <u>Credits</u> | <u>Date</u> |
|---------------------|---|----------------------------------|----------------|-------------|
| 1/10                | Wayflower Dist. Co., 2218 Univ. Ave., St. Paul<br>Vanette rental 1½ Days                      | 12.00                            | ----           | ----        |
|                     | 11712) 385 mi. @ 8¢ 30.80<br>11337) -8.91 Less gas  | 21.89                            | 33.89          | 1/29        |
| 3/26                | Wayflower Dist. Co., 2218 Univ., St. Paul, Truck rental 3 days 870 mi. @ 10¢<br>Less Expenses | 30.00<br>87.00<br>42.95<br>75.05 | 75.05          | 4/12        |

In regard to the above three transactions, they were made by [redacted], who left our employment about a month ago, but who lives at [redacted] Minneapolis, Minnesota, [redacted].

In regard to the January 10, 1951 transaction, that means the Mayflower Distributing Company of St. Paul, Minnesota rented our 1948 Ford Vanette truck which is three ~~and~~ and is ~~EXL~~ maroon in color. This truck was rented for 1½ days and they paid \$12.00.

Regarding the next transaction that is undated, but inasmuch as the record reflects that \$33.89 was paid on January 29, 1951, that means the Mayflower Distributing would

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have had to rent the second truck sometime in January, 1951 and before January 29, 1951. I am positive that the same Ford Vanette, which has glass windows in the rear doors, was rented on this second occasion, and as noted above, the Mayflower Distributing Company paid \$8.91 for gas, for which they were given credit, and they thereby owed our firm \$21.89.

In regard to the March 26th transaction, I recall distinctly that the Mayflower Distributing Company rented our 1947 Dodge truck van, two ton, with an enclosed body and which has a 14 foot box. According to that record, they rented this particular truck for 3 days. The \$30.00 item is the charge at the rate of \$10.00 per day for the truck, making a total of \$30.00; the \$87.00 is for their using the truck 870 miles at 10¢ a mile; the \$42.95 written in red pencil reflects that they were given credit at that time and to my recollection when the truck was brought back, they complained about it and stated that they had a flat tire, and giving them credit for the gasoline they purchased, we charged them \$75.05 for using that truck for the 3 days. The above record reflects that that amount was paid by the Mayflower Distributing Company on April 12, 1951, and to my recollection, both of the above amounts were paid by check which we received possibly through the mail.

As long as our records show that on January 10, 1951 they first rented a truck, it is my recollection that either on that day or the day before, January 9, 1951, I received a telephone call from some man who stated he was with the Mayflower Distributing Company in St. Paul; I do not recall his name, and he asked if we rented trucks, and he talked about wanting to rent a small enclosed truck, and he stated they were going to use it in town. He also asked about the price and I gave him a flat rate for 1½ days and that we would also furnish the gasoline. Shortly afterwards or the next day, two men came to our office whom I had never seen before and as I recall it, I believe that one of them stated he was a driver for the Mayflower Distributing Company. I do not remember their names at all, but one of the men appeared to be of Jewish extraction, was about 33 years of age, was about 5' 9" or 5' 10" tall, weighed about 180 pounds, and had black hair which may have been curly but I am not sure. To the best of my recollection I assumed that he was probably the man who had called me on the telephone as he was well dressed. The other man, who stated he was a driver, was an older looking

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man who was in his 40s; was a short individual, and was of light build. This man did not do much talking at all, and he was dressed in working clothes. These 2 men rented the truck, and I may have made some record at that time to show the name of the person renting the truck, but if I did make such a record I do not know where the same is now. We rent out very few trucks and I do not use a regular rental form.

In regard to the rental of the truck on the other day in January, 1951, subsequent to January 10 and before January 29, 1951, it is my recollection that the same two men came over and got the same 1948 Ford Vanette truck and at that time he may have also made some record as to the mileage that was on the truck when they took it, but I do not know where such record is if one was made. In regard to this rental, I do recall that when these 2 men brought this truck back they mentioned to me that the exhaust pipe had been shooting sparks up under the floor board and that it caused a small fire and as the result a small hole was burned in the floor board of this truck. These individuals did not tell me where they were going with this truck, nor for what purpose they wanted it.

In regard to the third rental, which our records show was on March 26, 1951, my recollection is that a day or two before that date some man from Mayflower Distributing Company in St. Paul, Minnesota, again phoned me. I do not know if it was the same man who had phoned before or whether it was the same well-dressed man who had come to our place on the two previous occasions but I somewhat assumed that it was the same individual. To my recollection no name was mentioned by him over the telephone. At this time he stated he was interested in renting a semi-trailer to take into the state of Illinois, and he mentioned they were closing out some office down there and were going to haul their stuff to St. Paul, Minnesota. At this time this man also remarked that they would be making quite a few trips, and I assumed from this conversation that they would be interested in continuing to rent a large truck or semi-trailer for further hauling. I told this man over the phone that we did not own a semi-trailer for rental purposes, but that we did have a large Dodge two ton van. As far as I recall, the same 2 men came over and they rented our Dodge two ton truck, which is all maroon colored with a gray top and which has wording on it. We also own a Chevrolet truck

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which has the identical van on it but the cab of the Chevrolet truck is green, whereas the one these two men rented was all maroon. To the best of my recollection, I do not believe that I even made any record or notation of this third rental because of the fact that they appeared to be regular customers. However, some notation must have been made by me as to the mileage of this truck when it was rented and returned, otherwise I could not have determined that they drove the truck 870 miles as is mentioned on the above ledger. If I did make a notation, the paper was probably thrown away after the above entry was made by the bookkeeper.

To the best of my recollection, a couple of days later, after the Dodge was returned by these two men, I received another phone call from a man at the Mayflower Distributing Company, whom I assumed was the same man I had previously talked to. At this time he stated that they wanted to rent a better truck and a bigger one as they apparently were not satisfied with the Dodge truck that they had previously rented. At this time I told them that we did not have any large or better ones, but to my recollection a day or two later a driver for the Mayflower Distributing Company came over to our place. However, I do not recall definitely whether he was the same man who had been there previously or whether he was a new man. I recall that I and my dad started to show him another truck which we had and which we promised to put in condition, and at about this time this driver received a phone call, apparently from the Mayflower Distributing Company in St. Paul, and he left our place and I have never seen him or heard from anyone at the Mayflower Company since.

I have no information as to whether they may have rented trucks from any other rental agency and no one has contacted me regarding further rentals for the Mayflower Distributing Company. I am not sure, but I possibly may be able to identify these men whom I have referred to if I see them again in person or if I see their photographs. At no time was I told for what purpose they were renting these trucks. I do know that this company handles pinball machines and, I believe, juke boxes. Other than that I knew nothing about their operation and we have never heard from them or had business with them before or since, outside of the three rentals referred to above.

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I have in my possession our March, 1951 trial balance sheet which shows under the word "Credit" the words "Income Rental", and after that there appears the amount of \$108.94 which would be \$33.89 plus \$75.05, which makes that total. Our April, 1951 trial balance sheet under the name "Credit" contains the words, "Income Rental" and also shows the same amount of \$108.94.

In regard to our receiving the \$33.89 on January 29, 1951 for the two rentals in January, 1951, we have in our possession a carbon copy of a bank deposit slip which is dated January 29, 1951 and which contains a list of the names and amounts of checks which we deposited on that date with the 4th Northwestern National Bank, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Page 2 of that deposit slip contains the name "Mayflower Dist." and after that name is the amount of \$33.89.

We also have in our possession a carbon copy of another deposit slip dated April 12, 1951, with the same bank, which contains the name "Mayflower" and after that name is the amount of \$75.05. From these deposit slips I am quite sure we received two separate checks from the Mayflower Distributing Company for the rental of these 3 trucks, and we deposited those checks to our account.

After the above man returned the Dodge truck, I talked the matter over with my dad about buying or getting a larger truck because it appeared that we were going to have steady business from this firm, and because they indicated that they desired a larger and better truck. A friend of ours named

[redacted] who at that time had a [redacted] [redacted] Minneapolis, Minnesota, was having trouble in making payments on a 1950 Ford van two ton truck with a 12 foot body box. We figured if we could get this truck that we would rent this to the Mayflower Distributing Company, and at that time [redacted] was making his payments to the Northeast Finance Company, 1712 Central Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota. I have in my possession a finance book reflecting that payment number 4 was made on January 20, 1951 in the amount of \$102.16 and payment number 5 was made March 5, 1951 in the same amount. My recollection is that [redacted] was unable to make his February payment and that my dad,

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sometime in the early part of March, gave [ ] a \$500 check which must have been on my father's personal account as I do not seem to find that check among our business checks; that [ ] then made payment number 5 on March 5, 1951. The booklet reflects that payment number 6 was made on March 19, 1951 for \$102.16 and I recall that we made that payment, and I have in my possession our check No. 9636 dated March 19, 1941, payable to Northeast Finance Company in the amount of \$102.16, and it is signed by me and it is endorsed by the Northeast Finance Company. I recall distinctly that at the time we issued this check on March 19, 1951, that we had in our possession the 1950 Ford truck which we obtained from [ ]. In view of this, it is my recollection that the above mentioned date of March 26, 1951 appearing on the ledger is wrong, and that it should have been February 26, 1951. The reason for this is if we would have had [ ] 1950 Ford truck in March, 1951 we would have rented that truck to the Mayflower Distributing Company on March 26, 1951 and not our Dodge. As a result of the above it appears that on February 26, 1951 we did not have [ ] truck in our possession.

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To the best of my recollection, this man from Mayflower Distributing Company had some small dispute with us over the amount to be paid and if I recall it, he stated that they had blown out a tire in connection with the trip they had taken with the Dodge truck, and as a result of that there was a dispute as to the amount to be paid. As long as the ledger sheet reflects that the Mayflower Distributing Company paid \$75.05 on or about April 12, 1951, I feel certain that we did not bill them for the rental of this truck until April 1, 1951. If they had been billed on March 1, 1951, there is the possibility they may have paid the \$75.05 in March. Furthermore, if the correct date is February 26, 1951 that means they would have returned the truck to us on March 1, 1951, as they had it for three days, and if that happened we would not have billed them on March 1, 1951, and would have waited until April 1, 1951, which indicates to me that this truck was rented by the Mayflower Distributing Company from us on February 26th instead as is shown in our ledger sheet as March 26, 1951. As I stated before, the handwriting and figures appearing on the ledger sheet were made by our [ ]. The numbers "3" and "26" which refer to 3/26 were not put there by me and I am not sure they were put there by [ ] at that time. There is a possibility that due to the dispute with them relative to the rental that this



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date of 3/26 may have been placed in there sometime later. I also wish to state that no one advised me to enter this in our ledger as 3/26.

The Vanette Ford truck which was rented twice in January, 1951 bears 1951 Minnesota License Y 109-694 and the Dodge truck, which was rented on the third occasion, bears 1951 license Y 109-696.

I wish to state at this time that the description of these trucks, mentioned above, as to license, make and color is the same now as it was on January 1, 1951. The Dodge truck, which the Mayflower Distributing Company rented has painted on in large letters on both sides of the van the words "Capital Airlines" and "Air Freight." There also is a picture of an airplane and/or bird. On the front of the van is also a round white emblem on which appears a picture of an airplane and/or bird, together with the words "Capital Airlines." Also on the rear of the truck, where the two large doors are, there are the words "Capital Air Freight."

I have loaned the ledger sheet, the Northeast Finance Company book, the check No. 9636 and the two duplicate bank deposit slips to Agents [ ] and [ ] and they have been returned to me in the same condition they were loaned.

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I have read this and the other six pages and to the best of my knowledge and recollection I find it to be true and correct and I have signed the same of my own free will.

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Witnesses:

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT OMAHA

MPLS. FILE No. 71-161

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| REPORT MADE AT<br>MINNEAPOLIS  | DATE WHEN MADE<br>10-6-51 | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br>9-19; 10-2-51 | REPORT MADE BY<br>[REDACTED] SA gam                                |
| TITLE<br>[REDACTED] was, et al |                           |  | CHARACTER OF CASE<br>INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF GAMBLING DEVICES |

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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** AL GARDNER, alleged shipping clerk, Mayflower Distributing Company, St. Paul, Minnesota, believed to be identical with ALBERT GARDNER, FBI 283270, whose record and background data is set forth. Confidential informant [REDACTED] furnished description of premises at 2218 University Avenue and data regarding machines he saw there.

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**DETAILS:** AL GARNDER WHO POSSIBLY MAY BE ALBERT GARDNER

The Omaha office furnished information relative to an individual named AL GARDNER believed to be a shipping clerk at the Mayflower Distributing Company and Paster Distributing Company, 2218 University Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota.

The 1950-51 St. Paul City Directory does not list anyone named AL GARDNER, but there is listed an ALBERT H. (GOLDIE) GARDNER as being a shipping clerk at the Mayflower Distributing Company and as living at 208 East 13th Street,

The July, 1951, St. Paul Street Address Telephone Directory lists Mrs. GARDNER as living at 208-13th Street, apartment 4, and as having telephone CE. 7220. There is also listed a [REDACTED] having telephone [REDACTED].

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**COPIES DESTROYED** At the Minnesota Drivers License Division, 1279 University Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, there is on file an application dated August 16, 1948, for the following individual:

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| APPROVED AND FORWARDED<br><i>J. J. Barister</i><br><b>COPY IN FILE</b>  | SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE | DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES |               |
| COPIES OF THIS REPORT   |                         | 71-3129-55                   | RECORDED - 51 |
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|------------------|--|
| Name             | ALBERT <del>X</del> GARDNER                    |
| Residence        | 208 East 13th Street,<br>St. Paul, Minnesota   |
| Business Address | 2218 University Avenue,<br>St. Paul, Minnesota |
| Age              | Born July 29, 1902                             |
| Race             | White  |
| Height           | 5'3"   |
| Weight           | 155 pounds                                     |
| Hair             | Brown  |
| Eyes             | Brown  |
| License No.      | A 272887                                       |
| Reported Conduct | 10-1-49-931550-62<br>St. Paul-450              |

There is also on file an application dated August 2, 1951, for the following person:

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| Name             | GOLDIE KAMINSKY <del>X</del> GARDNER                              |
| Residence        | 208 East 13th Street,<br>St. Paul, Minnesota                      |
| Business Address | 436 Wabasha Street,<br>St. Paul, Minnesota -<br>Universal Studios |
| Age              | Born August 10, 1906  |
| Race             | White   |
| Height           | 5'3"  |
| Weight           | 125 pounds  |
| Hair             | Brown   |
| Eyes             | Brown   |
| Occupation       | Housewife and part-time<br>work                                   |
| License No.      | 5-153632  |

At the Identification Division, St. Paul Police Department agent was advised that they had no record for anyone by the name of GOLDIE GARDNER, but they have the following record for an ALBERT GARDNER who registered on March 7, 1936, under the Felony Registration Act.

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|-----------|--|
| Name      | ALBERT GARDNER                           |
| Residence | 200 East Indiana,<br>St. Paul, Minnesota |
| Age       | 33 (in 1936)                             |
| Height    | 5'2"                                     |

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|-----------------------------|---|
| Weight                      | 155 pounds  |
| Eyes                        | Olive   |
| Hair                        | Black, bald   |
| Complexion                  | Dark florid   |
| Build                       | Medium stocky   |
| Chin                        | Ball  |
| Teeth                       | Good  |
| Nativity                    | Russia  |
| Occupation                  | WPA   |
| Scars and Marks             | Oval scar at center<br>of chest   |
| Marital Status              | Married   |
| Felony No.                  | St. Paul Police Department<br>Felony Registration No.<br>F-178  |
| Admitted Criminal<br>Record | Arrested 4-2-30, St. Paul,<br>Minnesota, keeping liquor,<br>convicted 4-7-30, Leavenworth<br>1 year 1 day, discharged 1-25-31 |

The files also contained the following identification record for this individual as of May 17, 1937, and it is FBI No. 283270:

| <u>CONTRIBUTOR OF<br/>FINGERPRINTS</u> | <u>NAME AND NUMBER</u>   | <u>ARRESTED OR<br/>RECEIVED</u> | <u>CHARGE</u>                                     | <u>DISPOSITION</u> |
|--|--------------------------|---------------------------------|---|--------------------|
| USM, St. Paul,<br>Minn.                | ALBERT GARDNER<br>#---   | 11-3-29                         | vio NP<br>Act                                     | 1 year 1 day       |
| USP, Leavenworth,<br>Kansas            | ALBERT GARDNER<br>#36079 | 4-13-30                         | Prohibi-<br>tion Act<br>(consp.)                  | 1 year 1 day       |
| PD, St. Paul,<br>Minn.                 | ALBERT GARDNER<br>#F-178 | 3-7-36                          | Felony<br>Registration<br>(print rec.<br>5-15-37) |                    |

His file also contained an old photograph of ALBERT GARDNER, No. 36079, as well as a photograph taken March 7, 1936, and a copy of the latter photograph was obtained and was forwarded to the Omaha office by letter dated October 2, 1951.

The Bureau was requested by teletype dated October 2, 1951, to furnish the Chicago, Minneapolis, Omaha, and Springfield offices with the complete identification record, including ten copies of the latest photograph, of ALBERT GARDNER.

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In the closed case entitled "ALBERT GARDNER, Restoration of Civil Rights" there is on file a letter dated August 14, 1935, sent by GEORGE F. SULLIVAN, United States Attorney, St. Paul, Minnesota, entitled "ALBERT GARDNER" and which is as follows:

"He makes an application for pardon to restore civil rights, and his application has been sent to this office with the request that you have the record and conduct of the applicant since his release from prison thoroughly investigated in accordance with paragraph 20 of the Pardon Rules.

"He states that he lives at 200 East Indiana, Saint Paul, Minnesota, and that he was sentenced on April 7, 1930, to serve one year and one day at Leavenworth on his plea of guilty to an indictment charging him and others with conspiracy on October 25, 1929, to violate the National Prohibition Act, and that he commenced his sentence on April 7, 1930, and was discharged on January 25, 1931.

"He states that he is twenty-eight years of age and that he has no prior or subsequent criminal record; that he has two children, aged nine and five; that he is employed by the FERA as a laborer and has been so employed since December, 1934; that he was in business at 276 Jackson Street in Saint Paul, running a restaurant, subsequent to his release from the penitentiary.

"Although he states that he has had no prior conviction, we find from our file No. 9144, Third Division, that Albert Gardner, who then lived at 815 Marshall Avenue, Saint Paul, was charged on an information with transporting one hundred gallons of moonshine whiskey on the streets of Saint Paul on August 26, 1928. He pleaded guilty to that charge on October 6, 1928 and was sentenced to pay a fine of \$250.00, which was paid.

"In the case which he mentions in his petition herein, he was sentenced to one year and one day at Leavenworth; he was indicted on a conspiracy count. In that case the officers seized one 350-gallon and one 100-gallon still, complete in every respect and fully set up, 3000 gallons of mash, 175 gallons of moonshine whiskey, certain automobiles and other equipment, and the defendant at that time lived at the same address in Saint Paul, to-wit, 815 Marshall Avenue."

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That same file also contains a copy of a closing report of Special Agent [REDACTED], St. Paul, Minnesota, dated November 1, 1935, entitled "ALBERT GARDNER, Restoration of Civil Rights" which report is set forth verbatim in order that all background data concerning this individual will be in the possession of all interested offices.

AT ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

On August 22, 1935, the St. Paul Bureau Office was in receipt of a letter from Mr. JAMES H. GIBLIN, Assistant United States Attorney, St. Paul, Minnesota, concerning an application for the restoration of civil rights by one ALBERT GARDNER. The letter referred to, which is in the St. Paul file, disclosed that GARDNER was sentenced to serve one year and one day at the Leavenworth Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, for violating the Volstead Act at St. Paul, Minnesota, and that subsequent to his release from the penal institution he filed an application with the United States Attorney at St. Paul on August 9, 1935, requesting restoration of his civil rights,

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The records of the office of the United States Attorney at St. Paul, Minnesota, as produced by [REDACTED], reflect the following information:

On April 7, 1930, ALBERT GARDNER, white, married, the father of two children, then residing at 815 Marshall Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, entered a plea of guilty in the United States District Court at St. Paul, Minnesota, for violating the Volstead Act, to wit: being a party to a conspiracy to violate the National Prohibition Act by having in his possession one 250 gallon still, one 100 gallon still, fully equipped, 3000 gallons mash, 175 gallons of moonshine whiskey, and certain automobiles and other equipment to use in the furtherance of illicit liquor traffic. GARDNER was sentenced on April 7, 1930, in the United States District Court, St. Paul, to serve one year and one day in the Leavenworth Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, and his sentence expired January 25, 1931, after he had served his full time.

The records further reflect that on August 9, 1935, GARDNER filed an application for the restoration of his civil rights with the United States Attorney at St. Paul, Minnesota, setting out the above information concerning his criminal record, subsequent release from the penitentiary after serving full time, and also a list of references who could vouch for his activities since his release from prison.

The records further reflect that GARDNER was arrested on August 26, 1928, at St. Paul, Minnesota, on an information charging him with transporting

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100 gallons of moonshine whiskey through the streets of St. Paul, and that he pleaded guilty to this charge and was sentenced to pay a fine of \$250, which was paid by him.

The records finally reflect that he was in the restaurant business in St. Paul at 376 Jackson Street subsequent to his release from prison and that since that time he has been employed by the F.E.R.A. as a laborer at St. Paul, now residing at 200 East Indiana Avenue.

#### REFERENCES AND ACQUAINTAINCES

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[redacted], all executed affidavits on August 9, 1935, to the effect that they have known him to be a reputable citizen, a good husband and family provider, and a person who, despite his previous unlawful activities, has endeavored to rehabilitate himself and secure his lost place in society since his release from the penitentiary.

The above named references were interviewed by agent relative to their knowledge of the activities of GARDNER subsequent to his release from prison at Leavenworth, Kansas, and they corroborated their statements mentioned above, which statements they had filed in their affidavits concerning their association with GARDNER.

#### NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION

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[redacted], both of whom are next door neighbors to GARDNER advised agent that they have known the subject for about 1½ years and that during that time they have not seen or heard anything derogatory to the good reputation that both Mr. and Mrs. GARDNER bear in the neighborhood. Both women stated that GARDNER is a very fine neighbor and that he has never been in any trouble in St. Paul as far as their personal knowledge is concerned.

[redacted] friend of GARDNER, advised agent that GARDNER has been a constant customer of his for about 6 years and that he only knows GARDNER as a leader in the community.

All of the above neighborhood acquaintances did not reveal any information concerning the prison record of GARDNER, and it was deemed advisable by agent not to disclose this information to them since they had not solicited it.

WORK RECORD

The records of the F.E.R.A. which are now maintained by the offices of the W.P.A. organization located in the city hall, St. Paul, Minnesota, as produced by [REDACTED] Superintendent of Payrolls of the W.P.A., reflect that GARDNER was taken on the relief rolls December 14, 1934, under the F.E.R.A. and that he was classed as a laborer and that this job expired June 23, 1935, when the F.E.R.A. was taken over by the W.P.A.; that on September 10, 1935, GARDNER was placed on the rolls of the W.P.A. as a laborer at Como Park, St. Paul, Minnesota, and has earned \$82.22 since that time; that he was being paid 55¢ per hour for his labor. [REDACTED] also advised agent that the work record of GARDNER does not contain a personal history or conduct record of himself, but it does reflect that his work has been entirely satisfactory.

It will be noticed in the application filed by GARDNER that he was in the restaurant business at 376 Jackson Street, St. Paul, Minnesota. Inquiry at this address and also at 276 Jackson Street, St. Paul, Minnesota, reflect that the former address of 376 Jackson Street is now vacant and that 276 is the terminal station offices.

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POLICE RECORD

The records of the identification unit of the St. Paul Police Department did not reflect any criminal or police record of subject.

ALBERT GARDNER was interviewed at his home at 200 East Indiana Avenue by agent and executed the following signed statement:

"October 28, 1935  
St. Paul, Minn.

"I, Albert Gardner, make the following signed statement to [REDACTED] Special Agent, U. S. Dept. of Justice, of my own free will.

"I am 33 years old, and was born July 29, 1902, at Russia in a small town. I came to the United States in 1912 when I was ten years old. I have a grade school education, having attended school at St. Paul, Minnesota. I am a pressman by trade but I have not worked at my trade for about six years.

"I became involved with the law when I began manufacturing liquor in 1929 and as a result I was arrested for violating



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the Volstead Act and was sentenced April 7, 1930, to serve one year and one day in Leavenworth Penitentiary. I served my full time and was released Jan. 29, 1931. Since that time I have not dealt in any liquor business and had not been arrested at all since that time.

"Since my release from Leavenworth, I have engaged in the restaurant business for 1 and  $\frac{1}{2}$  years in St. Paul, being located in Jackson St. I have been on the relief since that time, and am at present employed by the W.P.A. as a laborer at Como Park, St. Paul.

"I applied for the Restoration of my Civil Rights with the U. S. Attorney at St. Paul, Minn., on Aug. 9, 1935.

"I have read the above statement and it is true just as I have stated it.

" ALBERT GARDNER

"Witnessed:

[redacted], Special Agent,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
232 Uptown Sta. and Fed. Crts. Bldg.,  
St. Paul, Minn."

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Confidential informant [redacted] of unknown reliability, advised in 1932 that an individual named AL GARDNER of St. Paul, Minnesota, was a Communist suspect.

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Confidential informant [redacted] of unknown reliability, advised in 1940 that an individual named AL GARDNER was an important rank and file member of the American Defence Guard and Socialist Workers Party, and he works as a truck driver.

It is not known whether these two individuals actually are identical with ALBERT H. GARDNER.

#### TRUCK

In an effort to identify the truck described by the Omaha office, the writer and Special Agent [redacted] on October 2, 1951, cruised around in the vicinity of the Midway district of St. Paul in an effort to possibly locate such a truck, but such effort was unproductive.

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The Minneapolis 1950 Telephone Directory lists the Capital Airlines, reservations and information, as being located at the Wold Chamberlain Airport, DU. 9388, and under the above is also listed "Air Freight Service Minneapolis-St. Paul" at the International Airport, telephone PA. 8146, and the city ticket office is located at seventh and Marquette, AT. 1611.

Investigation will be made at the airports in an effort to possibly identify the truck described by the Omaha office.

At the Minneapolis Drive Yourself, 715 Second Avenue South, [REDACTED] advised agents that they did not have any truck answering the description of the one being sought.

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MACHINES OBSERVED AT MAYFLOWER DISTRIBUTING CO.

Confidential informant [REDACTED] of known reliability, related that while at the Mayflower Distributing Company at St. Paul, Minnesota, he observed the principal building of this concern to consist of a basement and three other floors. Informant advised that in the top or third floor of this building he observed approximately 300 slot machines, commonly known as one armed bandits. He advised that these machines, along with about 75 to 100 flat tops or consoles, were stored in a part of the third floor, entrance to which was gained through an iron door.

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Informant said further that throughout the basement and all three floors were scattered several hundred pinball machines in addition to many other types of coin operated machines such as juke boxes and other amusement devices.

Informant advised that he was aware of the fact that the Mayflower Distributing Company and the Paster Distributing Company were two separate and distinct concerns but that both were operated by the same individuals. He advised that he did not know just what phase of the business the respective concerns did.

Informant advised further that he was never in the building located across the street from the main building. He said, however, that he definitely recalls that this building had been condemned. Informant said that Mr. PASTER called some individual, who he thought was located in the City Hall, concerning the condemnation of the building. Informant said that the following morning an individual, whom he assumed to be the person called by Mr. PASTER the day before, arrived at PASTER'S office and received from Mr. PASTER an envelope, which he felt quite sure contained money to "take care of the situation."

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Informant said further that it is his opinion that the building located across the street from the main building had been sold by PASTER to some Duluth concern.

PENDING

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LEADS

THE CHICAGO OFFICE

At Chicago, Illinois

Will furnish the Minneapolis office with copies of reports reflecting results of investigation as requested in Omaha letter to Bureau dated September 29, 1951, relative to obtaining full data and description of slot machines from records of Mills Company.

THE KANSAS CITY OFFICE

At Leavenworth, Kansas

At the Leavenworth Penitentiary will review their record for ALBERT GARDNER, No. 36079, and obtain any additional information or background data which may appear in their files. Designate copies of the report for Chicago, Minneapolis, Omaha, and Springfield.

THE SPRINGFIELD OFFICE

At Springfield, Illinois

Furnish the Minneapolis office with copies of the report reflecting results of investigation which is requested in Omaha letter to the Bureau dated September 29, 1951, relative to checking records at Hallgren Music Company.

THE OMAHA OFFICE

At Omaha, Nebraska

Will exhibit to appropriate witnesses photograph of ALBERT GARDNER, St. Paul, Minnesota, Police Department No. F-178 (FBI No. 283270) to determine whether that individual is identical with the AL GARDNER previously referred to.

The Washington Field office was requested by teletype dated October 3, 1951, to obtain from the Attorney General a list and description of all machines filed by the Mayflower Distributing Company, St. Paul, Minnesota, and to forward copies of their report to the Chicago, Minneapolis, Omaha, and Springfield offices. Upon receipt of such list of machines give consideration to comparing their description and numbers with other machines which are presently being checked on by the various offices.

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THE MINNEAPOLIS OFFICE

At Minneapolis, Minnesota

Upon receipt from the Identification Division of the Bureau of the complete identification record of ALBERT GARDNER, FBI 283270, will include in a subsequent report any additional data which does not appear in this report.

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At the International Airport conduct appropriate investigation regarding the "Air Freight Service Minneapolis-St. Paul" to determine if their trucks are similar to the one described by the Omaha office.

INFORMANTS

[REDACTED] Minneapolis file 100-0-2829 and 2830 which contains a Chicago letter to Bureau dated July 25, 1942, entitled "List of Suspects Furnished by Ninth Naval District Headquarters, Chicago."

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Minneapolis file 100-1878-1414, page 74, which is a long voluminous report wherein reference is made to an [REDACTED] as is described in this report.

[REDACTED] North Dakota, whose name must be kept in confidence and who is referred to in detail in Minneapolis letter to Bureau dated July 23, 1951, [REDACTED] who was interviewed by Special Agent [REDACTED] left the United States on September 9, 1951, to take employment with the North Atlantic Constructors somewhere in the North Atlantic, and he will return to Grand Forks, North Dakota, on or about December 7, 1951.

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REFERENCE: Omaha memo to Bureau dated September 29, 1951.  
Omaha teletype to Minneapolis dated October 1, 1951.  
Minneapolis teletype to Bureau dated October 2, 1951.  
Minneapolis letter to Omaha dated October 2, 1951.

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